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ABSTRACT

Volume 1, the first of eight publications developed by the Intercultural Development Research Association as part of the "Texas School Dropout Survey Project," looks at the magnitude of the school dropout problem in Texas. It presents data on dropouts, dropout distribution and rates by type and size of place, dropout trends nationally, dropout distribution and rates in Job Training Partnership Act Service Delivery Areas, and dropouts in service delivery areas in Texas. Several findings from the study are presented, including the findings that: (1) Hispanic youth were more likely in 1980 to have left school prior to completion of 12th grade than their Anglo contemporaries; (2) nearly one-half of the 1980 Hispanic dropouts had completed less than ninth grade; (3) male dropouts had higher civilian employment rates than their contemporaries as a whole, with Blacks being less likely to be employed than either Hispanics or Anglos; (4) many more Black youth than Hispanics or Anglos were "discouraged workers"; (5) young women who had not completed high school had lower employment rates than their female contemporaries as a whole; and (6) foreign-born Hispanics were very likely to have low levels of schooling. The source and reliability of the data are explained, and references are provided. Five figures and 94 data tables are included. (NB)

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Preface

This volume is one of eight publications developed by the Intercultural Development Research Association as part of the Texas School Dropout Survey Project. Seven volumes contain comprehensive reports for each area of study:

Volume 1: Magnitude of the Problem -- Census Analysis

Volume 2: Magnitude of the Problem -- Attrition Analysis

Volume 3: Magnitude of the Problem -- Tracking Study

Volume 4: Magnitude of the Problem -- School District Research and Procedure

Volume 5: Benefit-Cost Impact of the Dropout Problem

Volume 6: Program Responses -- Their Nature and Effectiveness

Volume 7: Study Methods and Procedures

Additionally, a synopsis of findings and implications across all areas of study is included in the report entitled Texas School Dropout Survey Project: A Summary of Findings.

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UNDEREDUCATED YOUTH IN TEXAS

A Study of Macro-Community Dropout Rates

DROPOUTS IN TEXAS

Nearly half a million Texas young people, aged 16 to 24 in 1980, were not enrolled in school and had not completed the twelfth grade, according to the 1980 Census. They constituted one in five of their age group in the state. Sixty percent, 301,000 of these young people, were aged 20 to 24. Somewhat more than half, 259,000 of them, were young men. Two hundred and thirty thousand were Anglos, 197,000 were Hispanics and 64,000 were Blacks. The other 6,000 were Native Americans or Asian Americans.

Four hundred and twenty-seven thousand of the Texas dropouts were born in the United States. Of the 70,400 foreign-born dropouts, 88 percent were Hispanics, 6 percent were Anglos and 5 percent were Asians or others who did not identify themselves with the major groups in Texas. The summary data on dropouts in the State of Texas which have been produced for this study are shown in tables 1a and 1b.

Studies of dropouts and potential dropouts in the United States usually assume that young people who become dropouts leave school between the ninth and the eleventh grades. As will be noted below, this is a given for the Department of Education's graduation rate. However, not all potential dropouts reach ninth grade. This study indicates that in 1980 three out of ten Texas dropouts--152,000 young people--had completed fewer than nine years of schooling when they left school. Twenty-seven thousand had completed fewer than five years of schooling. More than half of those with fewer than five years of schooling were foreign born. However, 104,000 of

Table 1a.--ESTIMATED NUMBERS OF TEXAS YOUNG PEOPLE, AGED 16 TO 24, AND THOSE WHO ARE NOT ENROLLED IN SCHOOL AND HAVE NOT COMPLETED HIGH SCHOOL, BY AGE GROUP, YEARS OF SCHOOLING COMPLETED, SEX AND RACIAL/ETHNIC AFFILIATION: 1980

RACIAL/ETHNIC GROUP AND SEX	TOTAL, AGED 16-24					AGED, 16-19					AGED, 20-24				
	TOTAL POPULATION (1)	DROPOUTS TOTAL (2)	YEARS COMPLETED <5 (3)	5-8 (4)	9-11 (5)	TOTAL POPULATION (6)	DROPOUTS TOTAL (7)	YEARS COMPLETED <5 (8)	5-8 (9)	9-11 (10)	TOTAL POPULATION (11)	DROPOUTS TOTAL (12)	YEARS COMPLETED <5 (13)	5-8 (14)	9-11 (15)
TOTAL	2494540	497140	26860	124920	345360	1090140	196220	7400	50960	137860	1404400	300920	19460	73960	207500
HISPANIC	571440	196520	19340	76900	100280	268180	73820	5280	29660	38880	303260	122700	14060	47240	61400
WHITE, NON HISPANIC	1558520	230140	4980	37600	187560	658360	95260	1500	16780	76980	900160	134880	3480	20820	110580
BLACK, NON HISPANIC	333960	64280	1780	8680	53820	152300	24980	460	3900	20620	181660	39300	1320	4780	33200
OTHER, NON HISPANIC	30620	6200	760	1740	3700	11300	2160	160	620	1380	19320	4040	600	1120	2320
TOTAL MALES	1265220	259500	15020	63020	181460	555960	101300	4220	26400	70680	709260	158200	10800	36620	110780
HISPANIC	291880	102420	11020	38620	52780	137240	38340	3120	15500	19720	154640	64080	7900	23120	33060
WHITE, NON HISPANIC	789680	118340	2660	18680	97000	335580	48180	720	8520	38940	454100	70160	1940	10160	58060
BLACK, NON HISPANIC	168220	35880	1020	5000	29860	77060	13800	260	2140	11400	91160	22080	760	2860	18460
OTHER, NON HISPANIC	15440	2860	320	720	1820	6080	980	120	240	620	9360	1880	200	480	1200
TOTAL FEMALES	1229320	237640	11810	61900	163900	534180	94920	3180	24560	67180	695140	142720	8660	37340	96720
HISPANIC	279560	94100	8320	38280	47500	130940	35480	2160	14160	19160	148620	58620	6160	24120	28340
WHITE, NON HISPANIC	768840	111800	2320	18920	90560	322780	47080	780	8260	38040	446060	64720	1540	10660	52520
BLACK, NON HISPANIC	165740	28400	760	3680	23960	75240	11180	200	1760	9220	90500	17220	560	1920	14740
OTHER, NON HISPANIC	15180	3340	440	1020	1880	5220	1180	40	380	760	9960	2160	400	640	1120

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

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Table 1b.--ESTIMATED NUMBERS OF FOREIGN-BORN YOUNG PEOPLE, AGED 16 TO 24, AND THOSE WHO ARE NOT ENROLLED IN SCHOOL AND HAVE NOT COMPLETED HIGH SCHOOL, BY AGE GROUP, YEARS OF SCHOOLING COMPLETED, SEX AND RACIAL/ETHNIC AFFILIATION: TEXAS, 1980

RACIAL/ETHNIC GROUP AND SEX	TOTAL, AGED 16-24					AGED, 16-19					AGED, 20-24				
	TOTAL POPULATION (1)	DROPOUTS				TOTAL POPULATION (6)	DROPOUTS				TOTAL POPULATION (11)	DROPOUTS			
		TOTAL (2)	YEARS COMPLETED				TOTAL (7)	YEARS COMPLETED				TOTAL (12)	YEARS COMPLETED		
			<5 (3)	5-8 (4)	9-11 (5)			<5 (8)	5-8 (9)	9-11 (10)			<5 (13)	5-8 (14)	9-11 (15)
TOTAL	160720	70420	14400	33480	22540	61180	23300	3900	11180	8220	99540	47120	10500	22300	14320
HISPANIC	109900	61760	13580	31380	16800	43620	20420	3680	10660	6080	66280	41340	9900	20720	10720
WHITE, NON HISPANIC	28360	4280	120	820	3340	9600	1520	60	200	1260	18760	2760	60	620	2080
BLACK, NON HISPANIC	5660	840	40	100	700	1980	280	20	0	260	3680	560	20	100	440
OTHER, NON-HISPANIC	16800	3540	660	1180	1700	5980	1080	140	320	620	10820	2460	520	860	1080
TOTAL MALES	88020	39660	8240	18620	12800	33480	13420	2360	6640	4420	54540	26240	5880	11980	8380
HISPANIC	61620	35320	7900	17700	9720	24560	12000	2240	6380	3380	37060	23320	5660	11320	6340
WHITE, NON HISPANIC	14740	2220	60	400	1760	4740	780	0	140	640	10000	1440	60	260	1120
BLACK, NON HISPANIC	3080	520	20	80	420	960	100	0	0	100	2120	420	20	80	320
OTHER, NON HISPANIC	8580	1600	260	440	900	3220	540	120	120	300	5360	1060	140	320	600
TOTAL FEMALES	72700	30760	6160	14860	9740	27700	9880	1540	4540	3800	45000	20880	4620	10320	5940
HISPANIC	48280	26440	5680	13680	7080	19060	8420	1440	4280	2700	29220	18020	4240	9400	4380
WHITE, NON HISPANIC	13620	2060	60	420	1580	4860	740	60	60	620	8760	1320	0	360	960
BLACK, NON HISPANIC	2580	320	20	20	280	1020	180	20	0	160	1560	140	0	20	120
OTHER, NON HISPANIC	8220	1940	400	740	800	2760	540	20	200	320	5460	1400	380	540	480

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

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the total number of youth with no more than an eighth grade education were born in the United States.

Other findings from this study about dropouts in Texas are the following:

- Hispanic, Anglo and Black dropouts in Texas differ strikingly. Hispanic youth, aged 16 to 19, were twice as likely, and youth, aged 20 to 24, nearly three times as likely in 1980 to have left school prior to the completion of twelfth grade as their Anglo contemporaries (see table 2a).

- More alarming for their futures as productive citizens, many Hispanics have very low levels of schooling. Nearly half of the 1980 Hispanic dropouts had completed less than ninth grade when they discontinued schooling. In contrast, 82 percent of Anglo and Black youth who failed to completed twelve years of schooling stayed in school at least through ninth grade (see table 2a).

- Male dropouts, both those aged 16 to 19 and those aged 20 to 24, have higher civilian employment rates than their contemporaries as a whole. The differences are less for the older age group than for the younger. However, Black youth are less likely to be employed than either Hispanics or Anglos (see table 2b).

- Many more Black youth than Hispanics or Anglos are "discouraged workers." Two in five Black male dropouts, aged 16 to 19, in this study, in contrast to one in five of Anglos and 26 percent of Hispanics in that age group, were not in the labor force. Black dropouts, aged 20 to 24, were three times as likely not to be in the labor force as Anglos or Hispanics, aged 20 to 24 (see table 2c).

- Young women who have not completed high school have lower employment rates than their female contemporaries as a whole and more of them, proportionally, than their male colleagues are not in the labor force (see tables 2b and 2c).

- Foreign-born Hispanics, especially those old enough to have come to the United States in their late teens, are very likely to have low levels of schooling. Nearly two-thirds of the 20-to-24-year-olds in this study, in contrast to less than half of the younger immigrants, had received fewer than twelve years of schooling. Seven in ten of all foreign-born Hispanic dropouts failed to complete ninth grade (see table 2d).

Table 2a.--DROPOUT RATES AND PERCENTAGES OF DROPOUTS, AGED 16 TO 24, WITH FEWER THAN NINE YEARS OF SCHOOLING, BY AGE GROUP, SEX AND RACIAL/ETHNIC AFFILIATION: TEXAS, 1980

	Dropout rates		Percentage of 16-24-year-old dropouts with <9 years of schooling
	Youth, 16-19	Youth, 20-24	
Males			
Hispanic	27.9	41.4	48.5
White, non-Hispanic	14.4	15.5	18.0
Black, non-Hispanic	17.9	24.2	16.8
Other, non-Hispanic	16.1	20.1	36.4
Females			
Hispanic	27.1	39.4	49.5
White, non-Hispanic	14.6	14.5	19.0
Black, non-Hispanic	14.9	19.0	15.6
Other, non-Hispanic	22.6	21.7	43.7

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Table 2b.--CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT RATES OF YOUTH, AGED 16 TO 24, AND THOSE WHO ARE DROPOUTS, BY AGE GROUP, SEX AND RACIAL/ETHNIC AFFILIATION: TEXAS, 1980

	Aged 16 to 19		Aged 20 to 24	
	Total population	Dropouts	Total population	Dropouts
Males				
Hispanic	44.3	61.7	76.6	78.8
White, non-Hispanic	51.5	62.7	76.6	78.8
Black, non-Hispanic	30.8	36.2	58.2	51.9
Other, non-Hispanic	40.8	46.9	61.5	69.1
Females				
Hispanic	31.6	28.1	53.7	38.1
White, non-Hispanic	43.9	37.1	65.0	42.5
Black, non-Hispanic	29.3	26.1	59.1	41.7
Other, non-Hispanic	36.4	45.8	50.4	38.0

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Table 2c.--PERCENTAGES OF DROPOUTS, AGED 16 TO 24, BY LABOR FORCE STATUS, SEX, AGE GROUP AND RACIAL/ETHNIC AFFILIATION: TEXAS, 1980

	Armed forces	Civilian employed	Civilian unemployed	Not in labor force
Males, aged 16 to 19				
Hispanic	1.2	61.7	10.7	26.4
White, non-Hispanic	7.7	62.7	10.0	19.5
Black, non-Hispanic	10.6	36.2	11.7	41.4
Other, non-Hispanic	12.2	46.9	8.2	32.6
Males, aged 20 to 24				
Hispanic	1.4	78.8	8.1	11.7
White, non-Hispanic	4.2	78.8	6.6	10.5
Black, non-Hispanic	7.7	51.9	10.1	30.3
Other, non-Hispanic	6.4	69.1	5.3	19.1
Females, aged 16 to 19				
Hispanic	*	28.1	7.4	64.4
White, non-Hispanic	0.6	37.1	9.3	52.9
Black, non-Hispanic	0.4	26.1	9.7	63.9
Other, non-Hispanic	*	45.8	6.8	47.5
Females, aged 20 to 24				
Hispanic	0.1	38.1	5.6	56.2
White, non-Hispanic	0.3	42.5	5.3	51.9
Black, non-Hispanic	0.1	41.7	9.9	48.3
Other, non-Hispanic	*	38.0	4.6	57.4

*Less than 0.1 of a percent.

NOTE: Detail may not add to 100.0 percent because of rounding.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Table 2d.--DROPOUT RATES AND PERCENTAGES OF FOREIGN-BORN DROPOUTS, AGED 16 TO 24, WITH FEWER THAN NINE YEARS OF SCHOOLING, BY AGE GROUP, SEX AND RACIAL/ETHNIC AFFILIATION: TEXAS, 1980

	Dropout rates		Percentage of 16-24-year-old dropouts with <9 years of schooling
	Youth, 16-19	Youth, 20-24	
Males			
Hispanic	48.9	62.9	72.5
White, non-Hispanic	16.5	14.4	20.7
Black, non-Hispanic	10.4	19.8	*
Other, non-Hispanic	16.8	19.8	43.7
Females			
Hispanic	44.2	61.7	73.2
White, non-Hispanic	15.2	15.1	23.3
Black, non-Hispanic	17.6	9.0	*
Other, non-Hispanic	19.6	25.6	58.8

*Base number less than an estimated 1,000 persons.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

DISTRIBUTION AND RATES BY TYPE AND SIZE OF PLACE

Dropouts in Texas are highly urbanized, as shown in table 3a. Nearly half of the civilian dropouts, aged 16 to 19, in 1980 lived in central cities in 1980. Altogether about four out of five of the 16-to-19-year-old civilians who had not completed high school lived in places of at least 2,500 population--urban areas as defined by the Bureau of the Census.

Other findings about the civilian dropouts, aged 16 to 19, living in specific kinds of places in Texas, are the following:

- Young civilians living in towns of 2,500 to 10,000 population are the most likely to have left school before completing the twelfth grade. Among them, one in five in 1980 was a high school dropout.
- The Texas young people most likely to have graduated from high school are those few living on rural farms. Only one in twelve of the young civilians on farms of an acre or more with at least $1,000 of agricultural income in 1979 was a dropout in 1980.

Table 3b displays the data on numbers of dropouts and dropout rates in nineteen of the twenty-six standard metropolitan statistical areas or parts of SMSAs for which separate data were obtained in this study. Two SMSAs--Beaumont-Port Arthur-Orange and Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito--coincide respectively with the South East and the Cameron County Service Delivery Areas established for the Job Partnership Training Act program. The data for eight other SMSAs or parts of SMSAs within SDAs have been used to illustrate intergroup differences in the discussions of the data by SDA--the primary focus of this study.

DROPOUT TRENDS NATIONALLY

The failure of many young people to complete at least twelve years of schooling has long been recognized as a problem in the United States. Thus, data to gauge the extent of dropping out are collected by the Census Bureau, not just in decennial censuses, but at regular intervals through its Current

Table 3a.--DISTRIBUTION AND SELECTED SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS OF TOTAL POPULATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF CIVILIAN DROPOUTS AND DROPOUT RATES OF 16-TO-19-YEAR-OLDS IN TEXAS, BY TYPE AND SIZE OF PLACE AND INSIDE OR OUTSIDE SMSAS: 1980

Type and size of place, SMSA/non SMSA	Total population		Percent of those 25+ who are high school graduates	Civilian population, 16-19	
	Distribution	Median age		Distribution of dropouts[1]	Dropout rate
State	100.0	28.2	62.6	100.0	17.6
Urban, total	79.6	27.2	64.9	80.9	17.8
Inside urbanized areas[2]	64.1	27.5	67.7	63.3	17.5
Central cities	46.5	27.5	64.6	48.6	18.2
Urban fringe	17.7	27.3	75.9	14.7	15.5
Outside urbanized areas	15.7	NA	53.8	17.6	18.9
Places of 10,000+	8.5	27.9	57.0	9.5	17.8
Places of 2,500-10,000	6.9	29.9	50.0	8.0	20.4
Rural, total	20.4	30.9	54.2	19.1	17.0
Places of 1,000-2,500	3.1	31.8	48.6	2.9	17.6
Rural farm[3]	1.9	42.2	54.4	0.8	7.8
Inside SMSAs[4]	80.0	27.6	66.0	78.4	17.2
Outside SMSAs	20.0	31.4	49.9	21.6	19.2

NA=data not available.

[1]Youth, aged 16 to 19, not in the armed forces, who are not enrolled in school and have not completed twelve years of schooling.

[2]Areas consisting of a central city or cities and surrounding closely settled territory, i.e., urban fringe or suburbs.

[3]Places in rural areas consisting of one acre or more from which at least $1,000 worth of agricultural products were sold during 1979.

[4]Large population nuclei with their adjacent communities which have a high degree of economic and social integration, composed of one or more counties which contain rural, as well as urbanized areas. There are 26 Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas (SMSAs) in Texas, one of which also extends into Arkansas.

NOTE: Detail may not add to 100.0 percent because of rounding.

SOURCE: 1980 Census of Population, Volume I, Characteristics of the Population, Chapter C, General Social and Economic Characteristics, Part 45, Texas (PC80-1-C45) (Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1983).

Table 3b.--ESTIMATED NUMBERS AND RATES OF TEXAS YOUNG PEOPLE, AGED 16 TO 24, WHO ARE NOT ENROLLED IN SCHOOL AND HAVE NOT COMPLETED HIGH SCHOOL, BY AGE GROUP AND SELECTED STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA OR PART OF AREA: 1980

Standard metropolitan statistical area or part of area	Aged 16-24		Aged 16-19		Aged 20-24	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
State	497,100	19.9	196,200	18.0	300,900	21.4
Dallas-Fort Worth	98,100	19.4	38,800	18.2	59,300	20.3
Houston (Harris County only)	93,000	21.7	35,100	20.5	57,900	22.6
San Antonio (Bexar County only)	33,200	18.4	13,700	16.3	19,500	20.3
El Paso	16,300	18.1	6,500	15.7	9,800	20.3
Austin	15,100	12.3	5,700	12.6	9,400	12.2
Killeen-Temple	12,000	20.5	4,900	22.6	7,100	19.3
McAllen-Pharr-Edinburg	11,900	26.2	4,600	19.4	7,300	33.4
Corpus Christi (Nueces County only)	10,200	21.7	3,900	18.0	6,400	24.7
Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito	9,200	26.5	3,500	19.8	5,700	33.4
Beaumont-Port Arthur-Orange	7,900	12.8	2,900	10.3	5,100	14.9
Galveston-Texas City	6,400	19.5	3,100	20.8	3,300	18.3
Lubbock	6,200	12.5	2,300	12.1	3,900	12.8
Longview-Marshall	5,400	20.4	2,100	17.8	3,300	22.6
Amarillo	5,300	17.9	2,000	16.5	3,300	18.9
Odessa	5,300	24.5	1,900	21.4	3,300	28.8
Waco	4,700	13.3	1,800	12.4	2,800	14.0
Abilene (Taylor County only)	4,300	19.3	1,800	19.4	2,500	19.1
Wichita Falls (Wichita County only)	3,900	17.4	1,700	17.3	2,200	17.5
Tyler	3,300	16.6	1,300	14.5	2,000	18.3

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Population Surveys. Data on high school graduation are also collected regularly by the Department of Education. These data provide information on the extent to which the dropout rates are remaining constant or to which they are falling as more young people stay in school and graduate. Data are currently available to compare rates for 1980 and 1981 with those of 1984.

Data from the Census' October 1981 and October 1984 surveys and data from the Department of Education's public school-based data bank both suggest that more young people are finishing high school. Moreover, as shown in table 4a, the Census data suggest that minority youth may, proportionally, be making greater gains on this measure than Anglo majority youth.

The Department of Education data provide a count of public high school graduates by state. These numbers as a percent of ninth grade enrollments four years earlier yield an index of public high school holding power--the converse of the dropout rate. As shown in table 4b, the number of public high school graduates in the United States in 1980-81 was 72.1 percent of the number of students enrolled in the ninth grade in public schools in fall 1977. In 1983-84, it was 74.1 percent of the fall 1980 ninth grade enrollment. The number of public high school graduates in Texas was 68.8 percent of the number of students enrolled in ninth grade in fall 1977 and the number of 1983-84 graduates was 69.2 percent of the fall 1980 ninth grade enrollment. Although the Texas 1983-84 graduation rate was slightly higher than the 1980-81 rate, Texas' rank with reference to the other states fell. In 1980-81, it was thirty-ninth among the states; in 1983-84, it was forty-third (Department of Education 1983 and 1986).

As this study shows, many Hispanic and other youth fail to reach ninth grade. Therefore, public high school graduation rates, based upon comparing

Table 4a.--DROPOUT RATES OF YOUTH, AGED 16 TO 24, BY SEX, RACIAL GROUP AND SPANISH ORIGIN: OCTOBER 1981 AND OCTOBER 1984

	October 1981	October 1984
Males, total	15.1	14.0
White	14.5	13.5
Black	20.0	16.7
Spanish origin[1]	35.9	30.6
Females, total	12.8	12.3
White	11.9	11.8
Black	17.2	14.5
Spanish origin[1]	30.3	29.1

[1]May be of any race.

SOURCES: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, School Enrollment--Social and Economic Characteristics of Students: October 1981 and 1980, Current Population Reports, P-20, No. 400 (Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, July 1985), and U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, School Enrollment--Social and Economic Characteristics of Students: October 1984 (Advance Report), Current Population Reports, P-20, No. 404 (Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, November 1985).

Table 4b.--PUBLIC SCHOOL GRADUATES AS A PERCENT OF NINTH GRADE ENROLLMENTS FOUR YEARS EARLIER, 1980-81 AND 1983-84: UNITED STATES AND TEXAS

	1980-81	1983-84
All states and the District of Columbia	72.1	74.1
Texas	68.8	69.2

SOURCES: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Public High School Graduates, 1980-81, NCES bulletin 83-109b (May 1983) and U.S. Department of Education, Center for Statistics, preliminary data, 1986.

the number of graduates with the number of students enrolled in the ninth grade four years earlier, do not provide a comprehensive measure of the extent to which Hispanics and other minority youth drop out or may never have been enrolled in school. Nevertheless, the Department of Education's findings suggest, as do the Census findings, that there has been an improvement in recent years in the extent to which young people generally are remaining in school to finish their secondary education.

Regardless of the general trend for more young people to graduate from high school, it is probable that there are at least as many, and possibly more, young people in Texas who are not enrolled in school and have not completed twelfth grade today as there were when the data for this study were gathered. The population, aged 16 to 24, has continued to grow since the Census was taken and the higher fertility rates of minorities insure that their numbers are increasing faster than those of the white majority. Minorities contribute disproportionately to the numbers of dropouts. The recent implementation of state-wide minimum competency testing as a school accountability effort does not encourage schools to make extraordinary efforts to hold students they consider otherwise marginal. For these reasons, the number of dropouts in Texas may actually be increasing.

DISTRIBUTION AND RATES IN JTPA SERVICE DELIVERY AREAS

The major purpose of this study was to determine the relative numbers of dropouts and dropout rates for youth, aged 16 to 24, in the thirty-four service delivery areas established in Texas for the Job Training Partnership Act program. These numbers and rates are shown in table 5a. Because the geographic units for which separate data are available from the 1980 Census five percent Public Use Microdata Sample coincide only in part with the

Table 5a.--ESTIMATED NUMBERS AND RATES OF TEXAS YOUNG PEOPLE, AGED 16 TO 24, WHO ARE NOT ENROLLED IN SCHOOL AND HAVE NOT COMPLETED HIGH SCHOOL, BY AGE GROUP AND JTPA SERVICE DELIVERY AREA: 1980

Service delivery area	Aged 16 to 24		Aged 16 to 19		Aged 20 to 24	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
State	497,100	19.9	196,200	18.0	300,900	21.4
City of Houston[1]	68,600	22.7	25,000	21.9	43,600	23.3
Alamo	40,200	18.8	16,700	16.3	23,600	21.1
City of Dallas[1]	35,200	21.5	13,100	21.2	22,100	21.7
Balance of Gulf Coast Planning Region[1]	32,000	22.0	12,500	18.9	19,600	24.6
Balance of Harris County[1]	24,400	19.3	10,000	17.6	14,400	20.6
Cities of Fort Worth and Arlington[1]	20,400	20.5	7,600	19.6	12,900	21.1
Balance of Dallas County[1]	19,700	18.4	8,400	17.5	11,300	19.2
East Texas	19,000	21.5	6,800	16.5	12,200	25.9
Balance of North Central Planning Region[1]	18,700	17.3	8,400	16.4	10,300	18.1
Upper Rio Grande[1]	18,400	19.7	5,800	13.4	12,600	25.1
Central Texas[1]	13,200	20.2	5,400	21.4	7,700	19.5
Hidalgo and Willacy Counties[1]	12,800	26.5	5,100	20.1	7,700	33.6
City of Austin and Travis County	12,500	12.9	4,700	14.1	7,900	12.2
Panhandle	12,500	21.2	5,100	19.2	7,400	22.8
Permian Basin[1]	12,500	21.6	6,000	23.6	6,400	20.1
West Central Texas[1]	11,100	22.1	4,500	19.9	6,600	24.0
City of Corpus Christi and Nueces County	10,200	21.7	3,900	18.0	6,400	24.7
Deep East Texas[1]	9,400	20.9	4,100	20.0	5,300	21.6
Cameron County	9,200	26.5	3,500	19.8	5,700	33.4
Balance of Tarrant County[2]	8,500	17.0	3,300	14.1	5,200	19.6
Balance of Coastal Bend Planning Region[1]	8,100	22.5	3,300	18.5	4,800	26.5
South East	7,900	12.8	2,900	10.3	5,100	14.9
Balance of Capital Planning Region[1]	7,700	18.4	3,800	18.2	3,900	18.7
Heart of Texas[1]	7,200	15.4	2,600	12.7	4,600	17.4
North Texas[1]	7,000	20.3	3,000	18.6	4,000	21.7
Middle Rio Grande	6,900	32.1	2,800	25.7	4,100	38.6
South Texas Planning Region	6,900	27.3	3,100	23.3	3,700	31.9
North East	6,700	20.5	2,600	16.2	4,100	24.8
Lubbock and Garza Counties[1]	6,300	12.7	2,400	12.4	4,000	12.9
Balance of South Plains Planning Region[1]	5,400	23.2	2,100	18.5	3,300	27.6
Golden Crescent	5,100	20.2	2,000	16.5	3,200	23.4
Brazos Valley	4,900	10.1	2,000	11.1	2,900	9.5
Concho Valley	4,600	20.4	2,100	20.5	2,500	20.3
Texoma[1]	3,800	17.5	1,700	17.0	2,100	17.9

[1]Data have been allocated from non-corresponding Census geographic areas.
[2]Includes cities of Bedford, Euless, Haltom City and White Settlement which are in the Fort Worth Consortium Service Delivery Area. Data have been allocated from the data for Tarrant County which include data for the cities of Fort Worth and Arlington.

NOTE: Detail may not add to totals because of rounding.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

SDAs, data have been allocated to the twenty-one SDAs which did not coincide with Census geographic units. The procedures used and their implications for the reliability of the data are explained at the end of this report.

Major findings on the distribution of dropouts and dropout rates in the SDAs are the following:

- Texas dropouts are widely distributed throughout the state. Half of the SDAs had at least 10,000 dropouts each in 1980.
- The largest groups of dropouts were in the City of Houston with 69,000, the Alamo SDA with 40,000, the city of Dallas with 35,000 and the Balance of Gulf Coast Planning Region SDA--the area around Houston--with 32,000.
- In 1980, at least one out of five young people, 16 to 24 years of age, in the state as a whole and in twenty-one of the thirty-four SDAs had left school prior to the completion of twelfth grade.
- Rates vary among the SDAs. For the 16-to-19-year-old group in 1980, they ranged from 10.9 percent in the South East SDA to 25.7 percent in the Middle Rio Grande SDA. For the 20-to-24-year-old group the range was even wider—from 9.5 percent in the Brazos Valley SDA to 38.6 percent for Middle Rio Grande.

Figure 1 shows the geographic distribution of SDAs in which young people, aged 16 to 24, have dropout rates of at least 22 percent.

MALE AND FEMALE DROPOUTS

Young men in Texas are somewhat more likely to leave school before completing secondary education than young women. In 1980, as shown in table 5b, there were 259,500 young men and 237,600 young women in Texas who had dropped out. The men represented 20.5 percent of all young men while the women represented 19.3 of young women.

The proportion of males to females differs by SDA. The largest proportion of male dropouts in 1980--62.9 percent--lived in the Central Texas SDA. Many of these young men--and their contemporaries who had finished high school--were employed in the military installations in the Killeen-Temple

Figure 1.--DROPOUT RATES IN TEXAS SERVICE DELIVERY AREAS

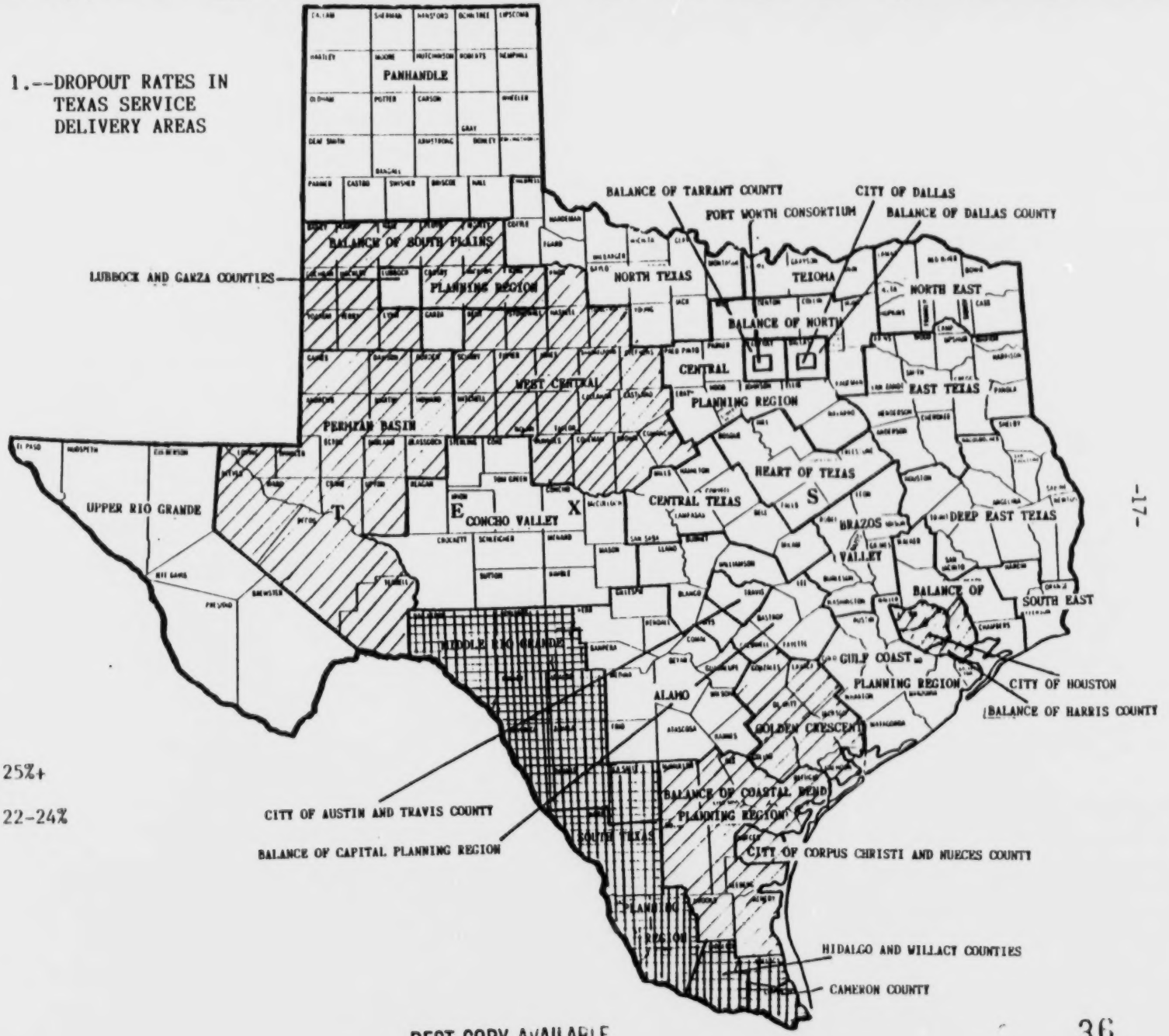

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Table 5b.--ESTIMATED NUMBERS AND RATES OF TEXAS YOUNG PEOPLE, AGED 16 TO 24, WHO ARE NOT ENROLLED IN SCHOOL AND HAVE NOT COMPLETED HIGH SCHOOL, BY SEX AND JTPA SERVICE DELIVERY AREA: 1980

Service delivery area	Total		Males		Females	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
State	497,100	19.9	259,500	20.5	237,600	19.3
City of Houston[1]	68,600	22.7	36,700	24.3	32,000	21.2
Alamo	40,200	18.8	20,500	18.7	19,800	18.9
City of Dallas[1]	35,200	21.5	18,200	22.8	17,000	20.3
Balance of Gulf Coast Planning Region[1]	32,000	22.0	17,900	24.0	14,100	19.9
Balance of Harris County[1]	24,400	19.3	13,000	20.6	11,400	18.0
Cities of Fort Worth and Arlington[1]	20,400	20.5	10,700	22.1	9,700	19.0
Balance of Dallas County[1]	19,700	18.4	10,200	19.5	9,500	17.4
East Texas	19,000	21.5	10,600	23.5	8,300	19.4
Balance of North Central Planning Region[1]	18,700	17.3	9,500	18.0	9,200	16.6
Upper Rio Grande[1]	18,400	19.7	9,300	19.2	9,100	20.2
Central Texas[1]	13,200	20.2	8,300	20.7	4,800	19.5
Hidalgo and Willacy Counties[1]	12,800	26.5	6,000	25.7	6,800	27.3
City of Austin and Travis County	12,500	12.9	6,800	13.7	5,800	12.0
Panhandle	12,500	21.2	6,100	20.2	6,500	22.2
Permian Basin[1]	12,500	21.6	6,200	21.5	6,200	21.8
West Central Texas[1]	11,100	22.1	5,200	20.9	5,900	23.4
City of Corpus Christi and Nueces County	10,200	21.7	4,900	21.4	5,300	21.9
Deep East Texas[1]	9,400	20.9	4,900	21.7	4,500	20.0
Cameron County	9,200	26.5	4,100	24.6	5,100	28.3
Balance of Tarrant County[2]	8,500	17.0	4,500	18.3	4,000	15.7
Balance of Coastal Bend Planning Region[1]	8,100	22.5	4,000	20.8	4,100	24.4
South East	7,900	12.8	3,500	11.6	4,500	14.0
Balance of Capital Planning Region[1]	7,700	18.4	4,600	21.1	3,100	15.5
Heart of Texas[1]	7,200	15.4	3,500	14.7	3,700	16.0
North Texas[1]	7,000	20.3	3,700	19.8	3,300	20.8
Middle Rio Grande	6,900	32.1	3,400	31.2	3,400	33.1
South Texas Planning Region	6,900	27.3	3,700	28.7	3,200	25.9
North East	6,700	20.5	3,700	22.4	3,000	18.6
Lubbock and Garza Counties[1]	6,300	12.7	3,400	12.9	3,000	12.4
Balance of South Plains Planning Region[1]	5,400	23.2	2,500	21.7	2,800	24.5
Golden Crescent	5,100	20.2	2,400	19.0	2,700	21.4
Brazos Valley	4,900	10.1	3,000	10.2	1,900	10.0
Concho Valley	4,600	20.4	2,600	22.7	2,000	18.1
Texoma[1]	3,800	17.5	1,900	17.9	1,900	17.1

[1]Data have been allocated from non-corresponding Census geographic areas.
[2]Includes cities of Bedford, Euless, Haltom City and White Settlement which are in the Fort Worth Consortium Service Delivery Area. Data have been allocated from the data for Tarrant County which include data for the cities of Fort Worth and Arlington.

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SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

area. Female dropouts predominated in ten SDAs. The largest proportions of young women who had failed to complete twelve years of schooling in comparison with male dropouts were in the Cameron County and South East SDAs.

Dropout rates vary similarly for males and females. Those for male dropouts in Texas in 1980 ranged from 10.2 in the Brazos Valley SDA to 31.2 in the Middle Rio Grande SDA. For female dropouts, they ranged in the same SDAs from 10.0 to 33.1.

ANGLO, HISPANIC AND BLACK DROPOUTS

Reflecting the racial/ethnic composition of their populations as a whole, service delivery areas differ widely in the racial-ethnic composition of their dropout populations. Statewide in 1980 as shown in table 5c, 46 percent of dropouts were Anglos, 40 percent were Hispanics and 13 percent were Blacks. In the North East SDA, nearly eight in ten of the dropouts were Anglos and virtually all the rest were Blacks. In the Cameron County and Hidalgo and Willacy Counties SDAs, nearly all dropouts were Hispanics.

Nine SDAs had at least 10,000 Anglo dropouts. These were also the nine SDAs with the largest numbers overall: Houston, the Balance of Harris County and the Balance of Gulf Coast Planning Region SDAs around Houston; Dallas, Fort Worth and Arlington, the Balance of Dallas County and the surrounding counties in the Balance of the North Central Planning Region SDA, and East Texas and Alamo SDAs. The geographic distribution of SDAs with large number of Anglo dropouts is shown in figure 2.

There were fewer SDAs with as many as 10,000 Hispanic or Black dropouts. Five had at least 10,000 Hispanics: the Alamo, Houston, Hidalgo and Willacy Counties, Upper Rio Grande and Dallas SDAs. Only one SDA had as many as 10,000 Black dropouts: Houston with 12,500. Other large Black

Table 5c.--ESTIMATED NUMBERS AND RATES OF TEXAS YOUNG PEOPLE, AGED 16 TO 24, WHO ARE NOT ENROLLED IN SCHOOL AND HAVE NOT COMPLETED HIGH SCHOOL, BY RACIAL/ETHNIC AFFILIATION AND JTPA SERVICE DELIVERY AREA: 1980

Service delivery area	Hispanic		White non-Hispanic		Black non-Hispanic		Other non-Hispanic	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
State	196,500	34.4	230,100	14.8	64,300	19.2	6,200	20.2
City of Houston[1]	25,500	48.8	29,700	16.4	12,500	19.7	1,000	19.0
Alamo	28,100	29.3	10,100	10.1	1,800	11.5	*	11.5
City of Dallas[1]	10,000	51.3	17,900	16.3	6,700	21.2	*	22.9
Balance of Gulf Coast Planning Region[1]	7,700	40.8	18,400	18.3	5,600	22.6	*	25.5
Balance of Harris County[1]	9,000	41.3	10,500	13.9	4,400	16.7	*	1.6
Cities of Fort Worth and Arlington[1]	4,100	44.8	13,400	17.6	2,400	19.5	*	25.6
Balance of Dallas County[1]	5,600	43.9	10,000	13.9	3,800	18.1	*	19.6
East Texas	2,500	65.6	12,700	19.8	3,700	18.6	*	-
Balance of North Central Planning Region[1]	3,000	42.2	13,300	14.7	2,100	23.6	*	20.2
Upper Rio Grande[1]	13,100	23.0	4,000	13.9	1,000	16.3	*	24.2
Central Texas[1]	2,200	27.4	7,400	18.7	3,200	20.1	*	22.1
Hidalgo and Willacy Counties[1]	12,000	28.9	*	11.7	*	-	*	-
City of Austin and Travis County	4,800	27.7	5,800	8.3	2,000	20.8	*	3.3
Panhandle	4,300	48.3	7,400	15.9	*	16.9	*	-
Permian Basin[1]	5,500	35.4	6,400	16.4	*	15.0	*	-
West Central Texas[1]	3,000	46.0	7,300	18.3	*	21.0	*	-
City of Corpus Christi and Nueces County	7,000	27.8	2,900	14.9	*	12.0	*	-
Deep East Texas[1]	1,000	47.3	6,600	19.0	1,800	22.5	*	-
Cameron County	8,700	29.7	*	8.6	*	-	*	-
Balance of Tarrant County[2]	1,700	37.1	5,600	14.6	1,000	16.2	*	-
Balance of Coastal Bend Planning Region[1]	5,800	28.3	2,100	14.5	*	-	*	-
South East	*	15.3	5,500	12.7	2,000	12.7	*	-
Balance of Capital Planning Region[1]	2,500	32.9	2,900	10.4	1,900	38.7	*	-
Heart of Texas[1]	1,400	38.2	4,200	12.0	1,500	19.3	*	-
North Texas[1]	1,400	45.4	5,100	17.9	*	14.9	*	-
Middle Rio Grande	6,100	37.3	*	15.2	*	-	*	-
South Texas Planning Region	6,500	27.7	*	22.6	*	-	*	-
North East	*	-	5,200	24.8	1,100	15.9	*	-
Lubbock and Garza Counties[1]	3,300	36.0	2,500	6.7	*	17.6	*	-
Balance of South Plains Planning Region[1]	3,700	42.2	1,300	10.3	*	20.3	*	-
Golden Crescent	2,600	35.2	1,900	12.3	*	26.7	*	-
Brazos Valley	1,000	23.5	2,400	6.2	1,500	26.8	*	-
Concho Valley	2,300	40.6	2,200	13.7	*	-	*	-
Texoma[1]	*	-	3,100	16.7	*	21.7	*	-

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SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Figure 2.--ANGLO DROPOUTS IN TEXAS SERVICE DELIVERY AREAS

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groups lived in Harris County outside Houston and other counties surrounding Houston, in Dallas and its county and in the Central Texas and East Texas SDAs. Figures 3 and 4 show the geographic distribution of SDAs with the largest numbers of Hispanic and Black dropouts.

Anglo dropout rates ranged from 6.2 in the Brazos Valley SDA to 24.8 in the North East SDA. Anglo youth in the Lubbock and Garza Counties and the City of Austin and Travis County SDAs also had rates below 10 percent. In contrast, Anglos in the South Texas Planning Region and East Texas SDAs, in addition to those in the North East SDA, had dropout rates of more than an estimated 20 percent.

Most Hispanic dropout rates were well over 20 percent and they ranged up to 51.3 in Dallas. There were twelve other SDAs in which 40 to 50 percent of Hispanics, aged 16 to 24, had not completed secondary school. Among the SDAs with the largest proportions of Hispanics, the rates were lower: fewer than three in ten young Hispanics in the Alamo and the Hidalgo and Willacy Counties SDAs were dropouts; about one in four Hispanics in the Upper Rio Grande SDA was a dropout.

The dropout rates for Blacks in Texas in 1980 ranged from 11.5 in the Alamo SDA to 38.7 in the SDA consisting of counties surrounding Travis County and the state capital. There were thirteen SDAs in which one in five or more of young Blacks had failed to complete high school.

FOREIGN-BORN DROPOUTS

The presence of foreign-born young people in Texas does not appear to make a significant difference in the numbers of undereducated youth statewide and in the majority of SDAs. As shown in table 5d, in 1980, foreign-born youth constituted 14 percent of dropouts in the state and their numbers

Figure 3.--HISPANIC DROPOUTS IN TEXAS SERVICE DELIVERY AREAS

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Figure 4.--BLACK DROPOUTS IN TEXAS SERVICE DELIVERY AREAS

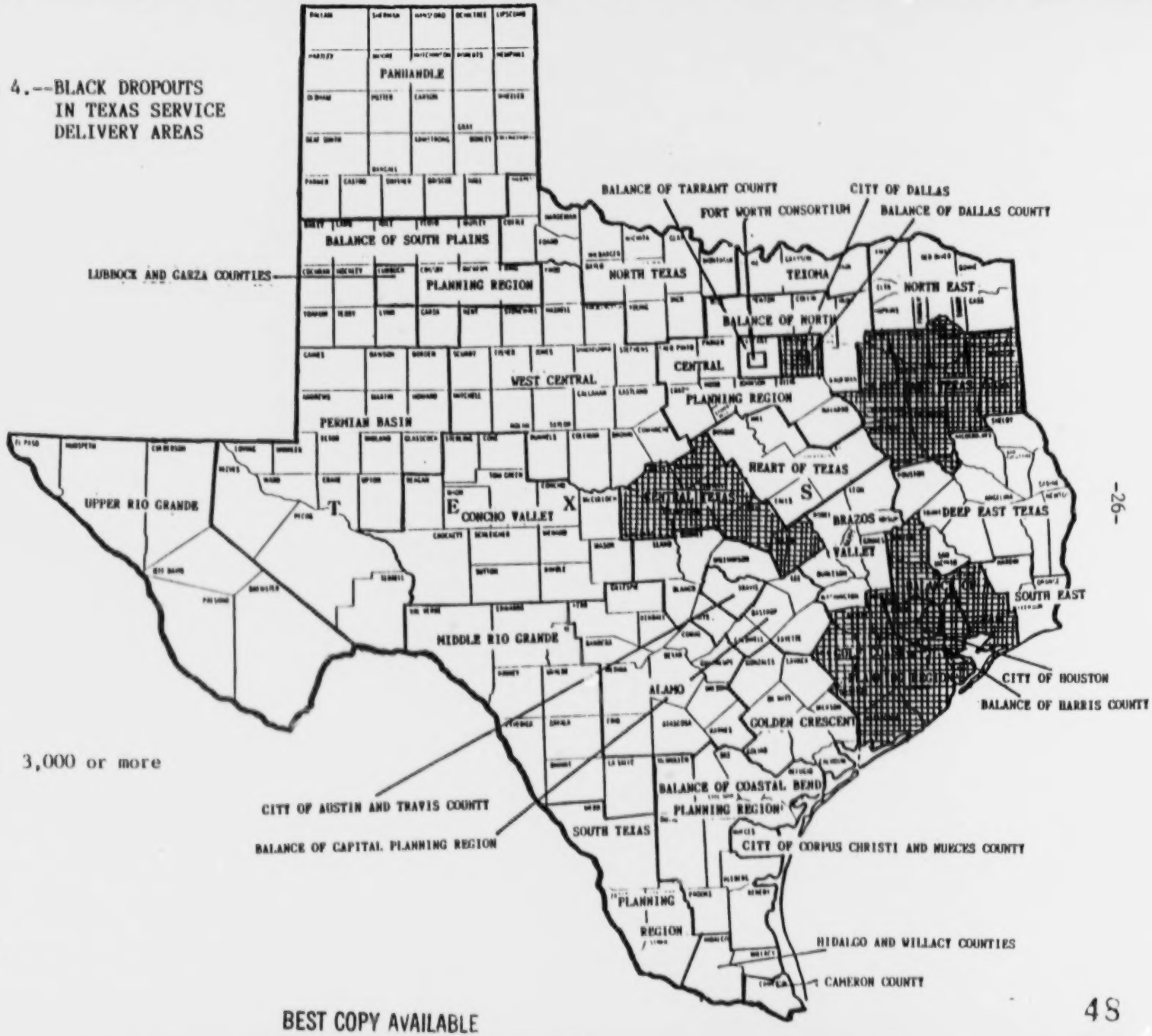

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Table 5d.--ESTIMATED NUMBERS AND RATES OF TEXAS YOUNG PEOPLE, AGED 16 TO 24, WHO ARE NOT ENROLLED IN SCHOOL AND HAVE NOT COMPLETED HIGH SCHOOL, BY NATIVITY AND JTPA SERVICE DELIVERY AREA: 1980

Service delivery area	Total		U.S. born		Foreign born	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
State	497,100	19.9	426,700	18.3	70,400	43.8
City of Houston[1]	68,600	22.7	54,400	19.9	14,300	50.3
Alamo	40,200	18.8	35,700	17.7	4,600	37.9
City of Dallas[1]	35,200	21.5	29,600	19.3	5,600	54.6
Balance of Gulf Coast Planning Region[1]	32,000	22.0	30,000	21.3	2,100	42.8
Balance of Harris County[1]	24,400	19.3	19,300	16.8	5,100	43.2
Cities of Fort Worth and Arlington[1]	20,400	20.5	18,400	19.4	2,000	43.2
Balance of Dallas County[1]	19,700	18.4	16,500	16.5	3,100	46.8
East Texas	19,000	21.5	17,100	20.0	1,900	65.3
Balance of North Central Planning Region[1]	18,700	17.3	17,300	16.6	1,300	36.2
Upper Rio Grande[1]	18,400	19.7	11,500	15.0	6,900	40.6
Central Texas[1]	13,200	20.2	12,100	19.7	1,000	28.0
Hidalgo and Willacy Counties[1]	12,800	26.5	9,000	22.6	3,800	44.7
City of Austin and Travis County	12,500	12.9	11,700	12.6	*	17.4
Panhandle	12,500	21.2	11,000	19.5	1,500	57.7
Permian Basin[1]	12,500	21.6	10,800	19.9	1,700	47.4
West Central Texas[1]	11,100	22.1	10,300	21.2	*	47.7
City of Corpus Christi and Nueces County	10,200	21.7	9,500	20.9	*	40.7
Deep East Texas[1]	9,400	20.9	8,900	20.2	*	51.3
Cameron County	9,200	26.5	6,000	21.4	3,200	47.9
Balance of Tarrant County[2]	8,500	17.0	7,700	16.1	*	34.7
Balance of Coastal Bend Planning Region[1]	8,100	22.5	7,700	22.3	*	27.5
South East	7,900	12.8	7,600	12.6	*	24.2
Balance of Capital Planning Region[1]	7,700	18.4	7,100	17.7	*	37.4
Heart of Texas[1]	7,200	15.4	6,600	14.5	*	44.1
North Texas[1]	7,000	20.3	6,500	19.7	*	33.1
Middle Rio Grande	6,900	32.1	4,800	27.8	2,000	51.0
South Texas Planning Region	6,900	27.3	4,700	22.3	2,200	53.7
North East	6,700	20.5	6,400	19.9	*	-
Lubbock and Garza Counties[1]	6,300	12.7	6,100	12.5	*	19.7
Balance of South Plains Planning Region[1]	5,400	23.2	4,900	22.1	*	49.2
Golden Crescent	5,100	20.2	4,900	19.9	*	-
Brazos Valley	4,900	10.1	4,700	10.0	*	12.8
Concho Valley	4,600	20.4	4,200	19.4	*	-
Texoma[1]	3,800	17.5	3,700	17.5	*	-

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SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

exceeded 3,000 only in eight SDAs in the data analyzed for this study. However, not unexpectedly, their proportions were higher in the SDAs along the border with Mexico. In 1980, they constituted 37 percent of the dropout population in the Upper Rio Grande SDA. They were a third of the dropout population in the Cameron County SDA and about three in ten of the dropouts in the South Texas Planning Region and Middle Rio Grande SDAs. Figure 5 shows the geographic distribution of SDAs with 3,000 or more foreign-born dropouts.

Major findings on foreign-born youth are the following:

- Foreign-born dropouts migrate to cities. In 1980, the largest numbers were found in Houston, the Upper Rio Grande SDA, where 89 percent of the population lived in El Paso, Dallas and the Balance of Harris County SDA surrounding Houston.

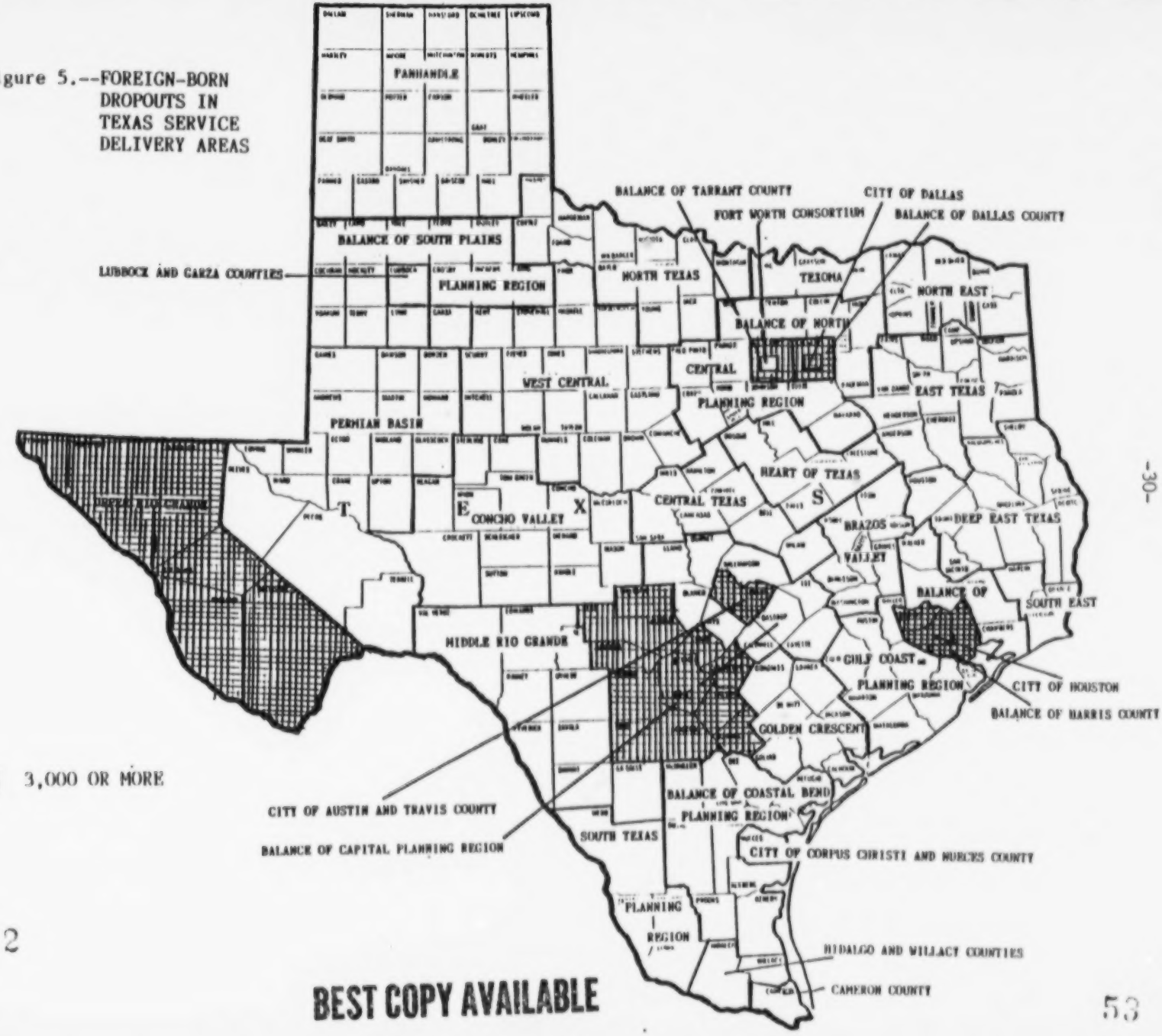
- Foreign-born youth are nearly two and a half times as likely as native-born youth to have received fewer than twelve years of schooling. In 1980, 43.8 percent of foreign-born young people in Texas, aged 16 to 24, were dropouts in comparison with 18.3 of their native-born contemporaries.

- The dropout rates of the foreign-born differ widely among SDAs. In the Brazos Valley, City of Austin and Travis County and Lubbock and Garza Counties SDAs—all of which have relatively few foreign-born youth—the rates of this group were under 20 percent in 1980. In contrast, the dropout rates of the foreign-born in the East Texas, Panhandle, Dallas, South Texas Planning Region, Deep East Texas, Middle Rio Grande and Houston SDAs were 50 percent or more.

DROPOUTS IN SERVICE DELIVERY AREAS IN TEXAS

The following sections describe the findings for individual SDAs, parts of SDAs or, in the cases of Houston and Harris County, Dallas and Dallas County and the Fort Worth Consortium and Tarrant County, combined SDAs. To the extent provided by the size of the estimates and the availability of separable data in the five percent Public Use Microdata Sample used for this study, findings are presented by age group, sex and racial/ethnic affilia-

Figure 5.--FOREIGN-BORN DROPOUTS IN TEXAS SERVICE DELIVERY AREAS



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tion. The SDAs are discussed in order of the size of their dropout populations.

The City of Houston and the Balance of Harris County SDAs. Tables 6a, 6b, 6c and 6d present findings on the 93,000 young people in the combined SDAs of the City of Houston and Harris County who were not enrolled in school and had not completed twelve years of schooling in 1980. Nearly three-quarters of these young people lived in the city of Houston. Houston accounted for 70 percent of the total population, aged 16 to 24, in Harris County.

Harris County is a majority Anglo county with substantial Black and Hispanic populations. Among youth in the group studied, those aged 16 to 24, 60 percent were Anglo, 21 percent were Black and 17 percent were Hispanic in 1980. About 2 percent were young people who did not identify themselves with any of these groups. The dropouts were 43 percent Anglo, 37 percent Hispanic, 18 percent Black and 2 percent other groups. The characteristics of these groups differ sharply. For example:

- Disparities in the extent to which Anglo, Hispanic and Black men finish twelve years of schooling are very pronounced. In 1980, young Hispanic men, aged 20 to 24, were 3 1/2 times as likely as their Anglo contemporaries and more than twice as likely as Blacks to have left school prior to high school graduation.

- The disparities between groups are accentuated by the amount of schooling completed by the average dropout before leaving school. Whereas fewer than one in five of Anglo and Black dropouts, aged 16 to 24, had left school before completing at least the ninth grade, nearly three out of five Hispanic men dropped out before completing ninth grade and half of Hispanic women did so.

- Anglo and Hispanic dropouts in Harris County, aged 20 to 24, do not appear to be disadvantaged in the civilian workplace in comparison with their contemporaries who have finished high school. In 1980, they were employed at roughly the same rates as their contemporaries in the population as a whole.

Table 6a.--DROPOUT RATES AND PERCENTAGES OF DROPOUTS, AGED 16 TO 24, WITH FEWER THAN NINE YEARS OF SCHOOLING, BY AGE GROUP, SEX AND RACIAL/ETHNIC AFFILIATION: HARRIS COUNTY, 1980

	Dropout rates		Percentage of 16-24-year-old dropouts with <9 years of schooling
	Youth, 16-19	Youth, 20-24	
Males			
Hispanic	43.7	52.6	58.0
White, non-Hispanic	16.1	15.2	19.0
Black, non-Hispanic	18.1	25.1	17.8
Other, non-Hispanic	16.2	20.5	*
Females			
Hispanic	37.3	47.5	50.9
White, non-Hispanic	16.6	15.2	19.6
Black, non-Hispanic	14.1	17.5	18.2
Other, non-Hispanic	15.2	18.0	*

*Base number less than an estimated 1,000 persons.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Table 6b.--CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT RATES OF YOUTH, AGED 16 TO 24, AND THOSE WHO ARE DROPOUTS, BY AGE GROUP, SEX AND RACIAL/ETHNIC AFFILIATION: HARRIS COUNTY, 1980

	Aged 16 to 19		Aged 20 to 24	
	Total population	Dropouts	Total population	Dropouts
Males				
Hispanic	57.6	67.3	85.5	86.3
White, non-Hispanic	56.4	70.8	86.8	85.4
Black, non-Hispanic	34.9	50.9	74.3	66.1
Other, non-Hispanic	50.0	*	75.6	*
Females				
Hispanic	37.5	30.9	53.4	39.5
White, non-Hispanic	50.0	41.3	73.6	49.2
Black, non-Hispanic	33.9	25.9	66.5	42.6
Other, non-Hispanic	31.8	*	59.4	*

*Base number less than an estimated 1,000 persons.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Table 6c.--PERCENTAGES OF DROPOUTS, AGED 16 TO 24, BY LABOR FORCE STATUS, SEX, AGE GROUP AND RACIAL/ETHNIC AFFILIATION: HARRIS COUNTY, 1980

	Armed forces	Civilian employed	Civilian unemployed	Not in labor force
Males, aged 16 to 19				
Hispanic	*	67.3	8.6	24.1
White, non-Hispanic	*	70.8	11.6	17.6
Black, non-Hispanic	0.6	50.9	17.7	30.9
Males, aged 20 to 24				
Hispanic	0.2	86.3	7.2	6.3
White, non-Hispanic	0.5	85.4	8.3	5.8
Black, non-Hispanic	*	66.1	13.7	20.2
Females, aged 16 to 19				
Hispanic	*	30.9	6.1	63.0
White, non-Hispanic	*	41.3	9.4	49.3
Black, non-Hispanic	*	25.9	8.4	65.7
Females, aged 20 to 24				
Hispanic	0.2	39.5	4.9	55.5
White, non-Hispanic	*	49.2	3.5	47.3
Black, non-Hispanic	*	42.6	13.9	43.5

*Less than 0.1 of a percent.

NOTE: Detail may not add to 100.0 percent because of rounding.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Table 6d.--DROPOUT RATES AND PERCENTAGES OF FOREIGN-BORN DROPOUTS, AGED 16 TO 24, WITH FEWER THAN NINE YEARS OF SCHOOLING, BY AGE GROUP, SEX AND RACIAL/ETHNIC AFFILIATION: HARRIS COUNTY, 1980

	Dropout rates		Percentage of 16-24-year-old dropouts with <9 years of schooling
	Youth, 16-19	Youth, 20-24	
Males			
Hispanic	64.5	69.0	71.9
White, non-Hispanic	12.2	15.8	*
Other, non-Hispanic	15.4	19.4	*
Females			
Hispanic	50.6	64.0	67.8
White, non-Hispanic	7.5	15.1	*
Other, non-Hispanic	11.8	23.1	*

*Base number less than an estimated 1,000 persons.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

- Black dropouts in the same age group, in contrast, are less likely to be employed than their Black contemporaries in the population as a whole and all Black youth have lower employment rates than either Anglos or Hispanics.

- Older Black dropouts in Harris County are much more likely to be "discouraged workers" than either Anglos or Hispanics. In 1980 four times as many Blacks as Anglos, and three times as many as Hispanics were not in the labor force.

Nineteen thousand of the dropouts in Harris County in 1980 were born in foreign countries. Of the foreign-born, 89 percent were Hispanic. More than two out of three foreign-born youth were school dropouts and seven in ten of those with fewer than twelve years of schooling had left school after completing fewer than nine years of schooling.

The Alamo SDA. The Alamo SDA has a substantial Hispanic population. In 1980, 47 percent of young people, aged 16 to 24, were Anglo, 45 percent were Hispanic, 7 percent were Black and 1 percent were Native American or Asian-American. Among dropouts, Hispanics predominate. Seventy percent of youth, who had left school before high school graduation were Hispanic; 25 percent were Anglo and 4 percent were Black. Eighty-four percent of the total population, aged 16 to 24, and 83 percent of the dropouts lived in Bexar County. As shown in tables 7a, 7b, 7c and 7d, Hispanic and Anglo youth in the Alamo SDA differ considerably:

- In 1980, nearly a quarter of Hispanic youth, aged 16 to 19, and a third of those aged 20 to 24, had failed to complete high school, in contrast to one in ten of their Anglo contemporaries.

- Hispanic youth were more than twice as likely as their Anglo contemporaries who were dropouts to have left school prior to completing at least the ninth grade.

- The civilian employment rates of Hispanic dropouts, aged 20 to 24, were commensurate with those of Hispanic men in general.

- The civilian employment rates of Anglo dropouts were also commensurate with those of Anglo men in general. However, a third of Anglo dropouts, aged 16 to 19, and 14 percent of those aged 20 to

Table 7a.--DROPOUT RATES AND PERCENTAGES OF DROPOUTS, AGED 16 TO 24, WITH FEWER THAN NINE YEARS OF SCHOOLING, BY AGE GROUP, SEX AND RACIAL/ETHNIC AFFILIATION: ALAMO SERVICE DELIVERY AREA, 1980

	Dropout rates		Percentage of 16-24-year-old dropouts with <9 years of schooling
	Youth, 16-19	Youth, 20-24	
Males			
Hispanic	22.6	35.2	39.7
White, non-Hispanic	10.7	10.7	16.7
Black, non-Hispanic	12.8	11.0	*
Females			
Hispanic	24.2	34.9	44.2
White, non-Hispanic	9.3	9.5	20.0
Black, non-Hispanic	9.2	12.3	*

*Base number less than an estimated 1,000 persons.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Table 7b.--CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT RATES OF YOUTH, AGED 16 TO 24, AND THOSE WHO ARE DROPOUTS, BY AGE GROUP, SEX AND RACIAL/ETHNIC AFFILIATION: ALAMO SERVICE DELIVERY AREA, 1980

	Aged 16 to 19		Aged 20 to 24	
	Total population	Dropouts	Total population	Dropouts
Males				
Hispanic	42.7	57.8	75.2	74.9
White, non-Hispanic	40.5	41.4	60.6	61.9
Black, non-Hispanic	20.4	*	18.3	*
Females				
Hispanic	29.0	16.7	53.3	32.9
White, non-Hispanic	40.3	21.8	59.6	40.2
Black, non-Hispanic	18.3	*	43.2	*

*Base number less than an estimated 1,000 persons.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Table 7c.--PERCENTAGES OF DROPOUTS, AGED 16 TO 24, BY LABOR FORCE STATUS, SEX, AGE GROUP AND RACIAL/ETHNIC AFFILIATION: ALAMO SERVICE DELIVERY AREA, 1980

	Armed forces	Civilian employed	Civilian unemployed	Not in labor force
Males, aged 16 to 19				
Hispanic	1.5	57.8	11.1	29.6
White, non-Hispanic	32.8	41.4	9.0	17.2
Males, aged 20 to 24				
Hispanic	1.9	74.9	9.7	13.5
White, non-Hispanic	13.6	61.9	8.2	16.3
Females, aged 16 to 19				
Hispanic	*	16.7	7.3	76.0
White, non-Hispanic	5.4	21.8	5.4	34.0
Females, aged 20 to 24				
Hispanic	0.2	32.9	6.3	60.6
White, non-Hispanic	3.9	40.2	7.1	48.8

*Less than 0.1 of a percent.

NOTE: Detail may not add to 100.0 percent because of rounding.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Table 7d.--DROPOUT RATES AND PERCENTAGES OF FOREIGN-BORN HISPANIC DROPOUTS, AGED 16 TO 24, WITH FEWER THAN NINE YEARS OF SCHOOLING, BY AGE GROUP AND SEX: ALAMO SERVICE DELIVERY AREA, 1980

	Dropout rates		Percentage of 16-24-year-old dropouts with <9 years of schooling
	Youth, 16-19	Youth, 20-24	
Males	34.4	57.3	69.2
Females	45.2	57.4	68.4

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

24, were employed in the armed forces. Fewer than 2 percent of Hispanic dropouts were so employed.

In 1980, there were 12,000 foreign-born young people in the Alamo SDA. Among these, 4,600 had failed to complete twelve years of schooling. Two-thirds of the total number and 89 percent of the dropouts were Hispanics. More than half of foreign-born Hispanic youth, aged 20 to 24, had less than a twelfth grade education and two-thirds of those had completed fewer than nine years of schooling.

The City of Dallas and the Balance of Dallas County SDAs. Tables 8a, 8b, 8c and 8d present findings on the young people, aged 16 to 24, in the combined City of Dallas and Dallas County SDAs who were not enrolled in school and had not completed twelve years of schooling in 1980. Sixty percent of all youth, aged 16 to 24, in Dallas County, and 64 percent of the dropouts, lived in the city of Dallas in 1980.

The population of Dallas County is predominately Anglo. In 1980, Anglos constituted two-thirds of the total population, aged 16 to 24, and half of the dropouts. Nearly one in five of the total and one in five of the dropouts was Black. Hispanics constituted one in six of the total age group and nearly three in ten of the dropouts. As in other SDAs, these groups differ considerably:

- Two out of five of the youngest group of Hispanics in Dallas in 1980 and more than half of Hispanics, aged 20 to 24, had left school without completing twelfth grade. In contrast, only one in six young Anglos and one in four or fewer Blacks was a dropout.
- More than half of the Hispanic dropouts had not reached the tenth grade when they discontinued their schooling.
- Anglo and Hispanic male dropouts had civilian employment rates which were comparable with those of their contemporaries as a whole, but those of Black dropouts were lower than their Black contemporaries as a whole and were more than twenty percentage points below the levels of employment of Anglos and Hispanics.

Table 8a.--DROPOUT RATES AND PERCENTAGES OF DROPOUTS, AGED 16 TO 24, WITH FEWER THAN NINE YEARS OF SCHOOLING, BY AGE GROUP, SEX AND RACIAL/ETHNIC AFFILIATION: DALLAS COUNTY, 1980

	Dropout rates		Percentage of 16-24-year-old dropouts with <9 years of schooling
	Youth, 16-19	Youth, 20-24	
Males			
Hispanic	44.6	53.9	55.4
White, non-Hispanic	15.6	16.0	16.7
Black, non-Hispanic	16.3	26.3	13.7
Other, non-Hispanic	*	27.1	*
Females			
Hispanic	41.9	50.7	54.5
White, non-Hispanic	16.0	14.1	17.9
Black, non-Hispanic	17.1	19.5	14.2
Other, non-Hispanic	*	14.7	*

*Base number less than an estimated 1,000 persons.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Table 8b.--CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT RATES OF YOUTH, AGED 16 TO 24, AND THOSE WHO ARE DROPOUTS, BY AGE GROUP, SEX AND RACIAL/ETHNIC AFFILIATION: DALLAS COUNTY, 1980

	Aged 16 to 19		Aged 20 to 24	
	Total population	Dropouts	Total population	Dropouts
Males				
Hispanic	62.9	71.4	85.2	88.0
White, non-Hispanic	59.2	72.3	85.7	86.4
Black, non-Hispanic	36.5	42.6	72.1	63.3
Other, non-Hispanic	*	*	72.9	*
Females				
Hispanic	42.5	41.4	65.9	54.1
White, non-Hispanic	54.9	53.0	76.4	52.7
Black, non-Hispanic	33.2	33.7	65.6	43.3
Other, non-Hispanic	*	*	69.1	*

*Base number less than an estimated 1,000 persons.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Table 8c.--PERCENTAGES OF DROPOUTS, AGED 16 TO 24, BY LABOR FORCE STATUS, SEX, AGE GROUP AND RACIAL/ETHNIC AFFILIATION: DALLAS COUNTY, 1980

	Armed forces	Civilian employed	Civilian unemployed	Not in labor force
Males, aged 16 to 19				
Hispanic	*	71.4	9.1	19.5
White, non-Hispanic	*	72.3	10.2	17.5
Black, non-Hispanic	*	42.6	18.1	39.4
Males, aged 20 to 24				
Hispanic	*	88.0	6.2	5.8
White, non-Hispanic	0.2	86.4	7.1	6.4
Black, non-Hispanic	*	63.3	7.3	29.4
Females, aged 16 to 19				
Hispanic	*	41.4	6.9	51.7
White, non-Hispanic	*	53.0	8.7	38.3
Black, non-Hispanic	*	33.7	12.5	53.8
Females, aged 20 to 24				
Hispanic	*	54.1	4.3	41.5
White, non-Hispanic	*	52.7	5.9	41.5
Black, non-Hispanic	*	43.3	6.0	50.7

*Less than 0.1 of a percent.

NOTE: Detail may not add to 100.0 percent because of rounding.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Table 8d.--DROPOUT RATES AND PERCENTAGES OF FOREIGN-BORN DROPOUTS, AGED 16 TO 24, WITH FEWER THAN NINE YEARS OF SCHOOLING, BY AGE GROUP, SEX AND RACIAL/ETHNIC AFFILIATION: DALLAS COUNTY, 1980

	Dropout rates		Percentage of 16-24-year-old dropouts with <9 years of schooling
	Youth, 16-19	Youth, 20-24	
Males			
Hispanic	62.2	76.9	74.2
White, non-Hispanic	*	21.3	*
Females			
Hispanic	55.7	69.0	75.0
White, non-Hispanic	*	15.4	*

*Base number less than an estimated 1,000 persons.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

- Black male dropouts, aged 16 to 19, were twice as likely as Hispanic or Anglo dropouts, and those aged 20 to 24 five times as likely, to be "discouraged workers."

There were 8,800 foreign-born dropouts in Dallas County in 1980. Eighty-seven percent of them were Hispanics. Nearly two-thirds of foreign-born Hispanic males, aged 16 to 19, and three-quarters of those aged 20 to 24, had not completed twelve years of schooling. Three-quarters of all foreign-born Hispanic dropouts in Dallas County had less than a ninth grade education.

The Balance of Gulf Coast Planning Region SDA. The findings in tables 9a, 9b and 9c are based upon data for 91 percent of the total population, aged 16 to 24, and 93 percent of the dropouts in the Balance of Gulf Coast Planning Region SDA. These data comprise data for eleven of the twelve counties in the SDA which surrounds Harris County and Houston. Data for Walker County, also in this SDA, are not included.

Anglos predominate in the eleven counties around Houston. In 1980, 68 percent of the total population, aged 16 to 24, and 57 percent of the dropouts were Anglos. Blacks constituted 17 percent of the total and 17 percent of the dropouts. Hispanics constituted 14 percent of the total and a quarter of the dropouts. About 2,000 of the dropouts were born in foreign countries and four out of five of them were Hispanic. As with Harris County, the differences between the groups of dropouts are striking:

- Nearly half of Hispanic men, aged 20 to 24, and more than a third of Blacks in the same age group had failed to graduate from high school. The comparable rate for Anglos was 22 percent.
- More than two in five of all Hispanic male dropouts not only did not graduate but had failed to complete at least ninth grade. Fewer than a quarter of Black and Anglo male dropouts had dropped out before tenth grade.

Table 9a.--DROPOUT RATES AND PERCENTAGES OF DROPOUTS, AGED 16 TO 24, WITH FEWER THAN NINE YEARS OF SCHOOLING, BY AGE GROUP, SEX AND RACIAL/ETHNIC AFFILIATION: BALANCE OF GULF COAST PLANNING REGION SERVICE DELIVERY AREA,[1] 1980

	Dropout rates		Percentage of 16-24-year-old dropouts with <9 years of schooling
	Youth, 16-19	Youth, 20-24	
Males			
Hispanic	36.0	48.5	41.2
White, non-Hispanic	15.9	22.2	21.5
Black, non-Hispanic	18.7	36.2	24.0
Females			
Hispanic	33.7	41.1	38.6
White, non-Hispanic	17.6	17.5	19.5
Black, non-Hispanic	15.3	17.8	16.9

[1]Data do not include Walker County.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Table 9b.--CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT RATES OF YOUTH, AGED 16 TO 24, AND THOSE WHO ARE DROPOUTS, BY AGE GROUP, SEX AND RACIAL/ETHNIC AFFILIATION: BALANCE OF GULF COAST PLANNING REGION SERVICE DELIVERY AREA,[1] 1980

	Aged 16 to 19		Aged 20 to 24	
	Total population	Dropouts	Total population	Dropouts
Males				
Hispanic	61.5	69.4	78.6	73.4
White, non-Hispanic	54.6	64.0	84.1	75.3
Black, non-Hispanic	31.7	26.9	50.8	38.7
Females				
Hispanic	37.5	30.0	39.3	38.6
White, non-Hispanic	43.8	36.2	57.6	36.9
Black, non-Hispanic	28.1	*	48.3	52.9

*Base number less than an estimated 1,000 persons.
[1]Data do not include Walker County.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Table 9c.--PERCENTAGES OF DROPOUTS, AGED 16 TO 24, BY LABOR FORCE STATUS, SEX, AGE GROUP AND RACIAL/ETHNIC AFFILIATION: BALANCE OF GULF COAST PLANNING REGION SERVICE DELIVERY AREA,[1] 1980

	Armed forces	Civilian employed	Civilian unemployed	Not in labor force
Males, aged 16 to 19				
Hispanic	*	69.4	8.3	22.2
White, non-Hispanic	1.1	64.0	9.1	25.7
Black, non-Hispanic	*	26.9	19.2	53.8
Males, aged 20 to 24				
Hispanic	0.7	73.4	3.5	22.4
White, non-Hispanic	*	75.3	5.2	19.6
Black, non-Hispanic	0.8	38.7	5.0	55.5
Females, aged 16 to 19				
Hispanic	*	30.0	2.9	67.1
White, non-Hispanic	*	36.2	8.6	54.6
Females, aged 20 to 24				
Hispanic	*	38.6	1.1	60.2
White, non-Hispanic	*	36.9	6.1	57.0
Black, non-Hispanic	*	52.9	2.0	45.1

*Less than 0.1 of a percent.
[1]Data do not include Walker County.

NOTE: Detail may not add to 100.0 percent because of rounding.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

- More than half of the Black male dropouts were "discouraged workers." They were more than twice as likely as their Anglo and Hispanic contemporaries not to be in the labor force.

The Fort Worth Consortium and the Balance of Tarrant County SDAs. Findings for the combined SDAs of the Fort Worth Consortium and Tarrant County are displayed in tables 10a, 10b, 10c and 10d. The Fort Worth Consortium SDA comprises the cities of Fort Worth, Arlington, Bedford, Euless, Haltom City and White Settlement. As explained in the section on the allocation of data, it was possible to separate data for the cities of Fort Worth and Arlington only and these are presented in the summary tables. Fort Worth and Arlington account for two-thirds of the total population, aged 16 to 24, and 71 percent of the dropouts in Tarrant County.

Tarrant County is even more predominantly Anglo than Dallas County adjoining it. In 1980, 77 percent of the population, aged 16 to 24, was Anglo, 12 percent was Black and 9 percent was Hispanic. Of the dropouts, 66 percent were Anglos, 20 percent were Hispanics and 12 percent were Blacks. There were 2,900 foreign-born dropouts and 83 percent of them were Hispanic. As will be noted from the tables, the various groups of young dropouts in Tarrant County display differences similar to those which have already been noted for other SDAs.

The East Texas SDA. Like much of the northeastern part of Texas, the East Texas SDA is predominantly Anglo and native-born. In 1980, nearly three-quarters of the young people, aged 16 to 24, were Anglo. Blacks, with 22 percent of the total, were the preponderant minority. Hispanic youth constituted only 4 percent. Among the dropouts, 67 percent were Anglo, 19 percent were Black and 13 percent were Hispanic. Foreign-born youth were 3

Table 10a.--DROPOUT RATES AND PERCENTAGES OF DROPOUTS, AGED 16 TO 24, WITH FEWER THAN NINE YEARS OF SCHOOLING, BY AGE GROUP, SEX AND RACIAL/ETHNIC AFFILIATION: TARRANT COUNTY, 1980

	Dropout rates		Percentage of 16-24-year-old dropouts with 9 years of schooling
	Youth, 16-19	Youth, 20-24	
Males			
Hispanic	39.7	54.1	53.5
White, non-Hispanic	15.8	18.6	13.3
Black, non-Hispanic	13.0	25.2	14.5
Females			
Hispanic	24.8	45.1	45.1
White, non-Hispanic	16.5	15.2	16.4
Black, non-Hispanic	13.7	20.5	9.0

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Table 10b.--CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT RATES OF YOUTH, AGED 16 TO 24, AND THOSE WHO ARE DROPOUTS, BY AGE GROUP, SEX AND RACIAL/ETHNIC AFFILIATION: TARRANT COUNTY, 1980

	Aged 16 to 19		Aged 20 to 24	
	Total population	Dropouts	Total population	Dropouts
Males				
Hispanic	60.3	71.7	83.1	85.7
White, non-Hispanic	60.6	75.3	83.9	90.0
Black, non-Hispanic	36.7	*	60.4	48.2
Females				
Hispanic	42.7	*	58.2	39.8
White, non-Hispanic	52.9	41.5	72.6	48.7
Black, non-Hispanic	33.3	*	65.6	42.4

*Base number less than an estimated 1,000 persons.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Table 10c.--PERCENTAGES OF DROPOUTS, AGED 16 TO 24, BY LABOR FORCE STATUS, SEX, AGE GROUP AND RACIAL/ETHNIC AFFILIATION: TARRANT COUNTY, 1980

	Armed forces	Civilian employed	Civilian unemployed	Not in labor force
Males, aged 16 to 19				
Hispanic	*	71.7	13.3	15.0
White, non-Hispanic	2.8	75.3	6.2	15.7
Males, aged 20 to 24				
Hispanic	0.9	85.7	7.1	6.2
White, non-Hispanic	0.6	90.0	3.9	5.5
Black, non-Hispanic	*	48.2	21.4	30.4
Females, aged 16 to 19				
White, non-Hispanic	*	41.5	13.5	45.0
Females, aged 20 to 24				
Hispanic	1.2	39.8	4.8	54.2
White, non-Hispanic	*	48.7	4.2	47.1
Black, non-Hispanic	*	42.4	8.5	49.2

*Less than 0.1 of a percent.

NOTE: Detail may not add to 100.0 percent because of rounding.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Table 10d.--DROPOUT RATES AND PERCENTAGES OF FOREIGN-BORN DROPOUTS, AGED 16 TO 24, WITH FEWER THAN NINE YEARS OF SCHOOLING, BY SEX AND RACIAL/ETHNIC AFFILIATION: TARRANT COUNTY, 1980

	Dropout rate	Percentage with fewer than nine years of schooling
Males		
Hispanic	71.2	82.1
White, non-Hispanic	9.2	*
Females		
Hispanic	59.3	*

*Base number less than an estimated 1,000 persons.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

percent of the total and 11 percent of the dropouts. They were largely Hispanic, as elsewhere in Texas.

Tables 11a, 11b and 11c display findings for the East Texas SDA. As will be noted, dropout rates for males, aged 20 to 24, in all groups are relatively high compared to those for males in these groups in other SDAs. Moreover, larger proportions of young men were "discouraged workers" in 1980. The alarming rates for Hispanics are based upon small numbers and, thus, should be treated with care.

The Balance of North Central Planning Region SDA. Findings for the counties of Collin, Denton, Ellis, Hood, Johnson, Kaufman, Parker, Rockwall and Wise, nine of the fourteen counties included in the Balance of North Central Planning Region SDA, are displayed in tables 12a, 12b and 12c. These counties accounted for 78 percent of the total population, aged 16 to 24, and 77 percent of the dropouts in the SDA in 1980. They surround Dallas and Tarrant Counties and, together with Dallas and Tarrant Counties, they make up the Dallas-Fort Worth Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area, the largest SMSA in the state.

In 1980, Anglo young people, aged 16 to 24, constituted all but 15 percent of their age group in the nine counties surrounding Dallas and Tarrant Counties. Blacks constituted 8 percent and Hispanics, 6 percent. Of those youth who had failed to graduate from high school, 72 percent were Anglo, 16 percent were Hispanic and 11 percent were Black. About 8 percent of the dropouts were foreign-born and, of these, more than four out of five were Hispanic. Data for these counties do not differ significantly from those for Dallas and Tarrant Counties.

Table 11a.--DROPOUT RATES AND PERCENTAGES OF DROPOUTS, AGED 16 TO 24, WITH FEWER THAN NINE YEARS OF SCHOOLING, BY AGE GROUP, SEX AND RACIAL/ETHNIC AFFILIATION: EAST TEXAS SERVICE DELIVERY AREA, 1980

	Dropout rates		Percentage of 16-24-year-old dropouts with <9 years of schooling
	Youth, 16-19	Youth, 20-24	
Males			
Hispanic	*	76.2	71.9
White, non-Hispanic	14.2	25.6	23.5
Black, non-Hispanic	14.0	28.2	18.9
Females			
White, non-Hispanic	16.9	21.3	19.3
Black, non-Hispanic	12.0	18.4	12.3

*Base number less than an estimated 1,000 persons.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Table 11b.--CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT RATES OF YOUTH, AGED 16 TO 24, AND THOSE WHO ARE DROPOUTS, BY AGE GROUP, SEX AND RACIAL/ETHNIC AFFILIATION: EAST TEXAS SERVICE DELIVERY AREA, 1980

	Aged 16 to 19		Aged 20 to 24	
	Total population	Dropouts	Total population	Dropouts
Males				
Hispanic	*	*	67.5	62.3
White, non-Hispanic	55.6	70.1	82.0	73.3
Black, non-Hispanic	33.0	*	58.5	36.2
Females				
White, non-Hispanic	42.0	32.0	58.8	33.1
Black, non-Hispanic	30.5	*	62.0	*

*Base number less than an estimated 1,000 persons.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Table 11c.--PERCENTAGES OF DROPOUTS, AGED 16 TO 24, BY LABOR FORCE STATUS, SEX, AGE GROUP AND RACIAL/ETHNIC AFFILIATION: EAST TEXAS SERVICE DELIVERY AREA, 1980

	Armed forces	Civilian employed	Civilian unemployed	Not in labor force
Males, aged 16 to 19				
White, non-Hispanic	*	70.1	11.2	18.7
Males, aged 20 to 24				
Hispanic	*	62.3	3.3	34.4
White, non-Hispanic	*	73.3	4.5	22.2
Black, non-Hispanic	*	36.2	6.2	57.5
Females, aged 16 to 19				
White, non-Hispanic	*	32.0	8.6	59.4
Females, aged 20 to 24				
White, non-Hispanic	*	33.1	7.3	59.6

*Less than 0.1 of a percent.

NOTE: Detail may not add to 100.0 percent because of rounding.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Table 12a.--DROPOUT RATES AND PERCENTAGES OF DROPOUTS, AGED 16 TO 24, WITH FEWER THAN NINE YEARS OF SCHOOLING, BY AGE GROUP, SEX AND RACIAL/ETHNIC AFFILIATION: COUNTIES SURROUNDING DALLAS AND FORT WORTH,[1] 1980

	Dropout rates		Percentage of 16-24-year-old dropouts with <9 years of schooling
	Youth, 16-19	Youth, 20-24	
Males			
Hispanic	41.8	57.6	59.1
White, non-Hispanic	13.8	17.2	21.5
Black, non-Hispanic	27.6	24.2	*
Females			
Hispanic	29.9	40.3	61.2
White, non-Hispanic	12.5	14.4	20.2
Black, non-Hispanic	28.0	17.4	*

*Base number less than an estimated 1,000 persons.
[1]Collin, Denton, Ellis, Hood, Johnson, Kaufman, Parker, Rockwall and Wise.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Table 12b.--CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT RATES OF YOUTH, AGED 16 TO 24, AND THOSE WHO ARE DROPOUTS, BY AGE GROUP, SEX AND RACIAL/ETHNIC AFFILIATION: COUNTIES SURROUNDING DALLAS AND FORT WORTH,[1] 1980

	Aged 16 to 19		Aged 20 to 24	
	Total population	Dropouts	Total population	Dropouts
Males				
Hispanic	55.2	*	92.4	*
White, non-Hispanic	58.0	71.2	86.7	89.1
Black, non-Hispanic	28.9	*	62.1	*
Females				
Hispanic	41.8	*	41.7	*
White, non-Hispanic	46.0	32.7	66.3	46.8
Black, non-Hispanic	34.4	*	65.2	*

*Base number less than an estimated 1,000 persons.
[1]Collin, Denton, Ellis, Hood, Johnson, Kaufman, Parker, Rockwall and Wise.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Table 12c.--PERCENTAGES OF WHITE NON-HISPANIC DROPOUTS, AGED 16 TO 24, BY LABOR FORCE STATUS, SEX AND AGE GROUP: COUNTIES SURROUNDING DALLAS AND FORT WORTH,[1] 1980

	Armed forces	Civilian employed	Civilian unemployed	Not in labor force
Males				
Aged 16 to 19	*	71.2	7.6	21.2
Aged 20 to 24	*	89.1	2.7	8.2
Females				
Aged 16 to 19	*	32.7	13.1	54.2
Aged 20 to 24	*	46.8	5.0	48.2

*Less than 0.1 of a percent.
[1]Collin, Denton, Ellis, Hood, Johson, Kaufman, Parker, Rockwall and Wise.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

The Upper Rio Grande SDA. Tables 13a, 13b, 13c and 13d display findings for El Paso County which accounted for 96 percent of the total population, aged 16 to 24, and 89 percent of the dropouts in the Upper Rio Grande SDA in 1980. The El Paso County population is largely Hispanic. In 1980, three out of five of the young people, aged 16 to 24, were Hispanic. Three in ten were Anglos and six percent were Blacks. Among the dropouts, 71 percent were Hispanic, 22 percent were Anglo and 5 percent were Black. Major findings on dropouts in El Paso County in 1980 are the following:

- Hispanics were twice as likely as Anglos and Blacks to have dropped out of school before graduating. They were at least three times as likely to have completed no more than eight grades when they dropped out.
- Hispanic males had higher civilian employment rates than Anglos but this is because a large proportion of Anglos were employed in the armed forces.
- One in five male Hispanic dropouts was a "discouraged worker."

In 1980 there were 6,100 foreign-born dropouts in El Paso County. Ninety-two percent of them were Hispanic. Among foreign-born Hispanic males, aged 20 to 24, in El Paso County in 1980, 46 percent had left school without graduating and half of the young women had done so. Two-thirds of all the foreign-born female Hispanic dropouts and 56 percent of the men had completed fewer than nine years of schooling.

The Central Texas SDA. Tables 14a, 14b and 14c present findings for Bell and Coryell Counties (Killeen-Temple SMSA). Ninety percent of the total population, aged 16 to 24, and 91 percent of the dropouts in the Central Texas SDA lived in Bell and Coryell Counties in 1980. These counties are predominantly Anglo. Young Anglos constituted 59 percent of the total 1980 population, aged 16 to 24, and 56 percent of those who were not

Table 13a.--DROPOUT RATES AND PERCENTAGES OF DROPOUTS, AGED 16 TO 24, WITH FEWER THAN NINE YEARS OF SCHOOLING, BY AGE GROUP, SEX AND RACIAL/ETHNIC AFFILIATION: EL PASO COUNTY, 1980

	Dropout rates		Percentage of 16-24-year-old dropouts with <9 years of schooling
	Youth, 16-19	Youth, 20-24	
Males			
Hispanic	14.2	24.3	37.8
White, non-Hispanic	18.6	12.6	12.5
Black, non-Hispanic	24.2	12.8	*
Females			
Hispanic	17.2	28.0	50.3
White, non-Hispanic	9.1	9.9	18.6
Black, non-Hispanic	*	10.7	*

*Base number less than an estimated 1,000 persons.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Table 13b.—CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT RATES OF YOUTH, AGED 16 TO 24, AND THOSE WHO ARE DROPOUTS, BY AGE GROUP, SEX AND RACIAL/ETHNIC AFFILIATION: EL PASO COUNTY, 1980

	Aged 16 to 19		Aged 20 to 24	
	Total popu-lation	Dropouts	Total popu-lation	Dropouts
Males				
Hispanic	30.3	48.9	66.9	65.4
White, non-Hispanic	29.1	4.5	46.9	34.0
Black, non-Hispanic	6.1	*	15.5	*
Females				
Hispanic	25.6	28.0	55.4	42.3
White, non-Hispanic	32.6	*	60.1	*
Black, non-Hispanic	*	*	19.6	*

*Base number less than an estimated 1,000 persons.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Table 13c.--PERCENTAGES OF DROPOUTS, AGED 16 TO 24, BY LABOR FORCE STATUS, SEX, AGE GROUP AND RACIAL/ETHNIC AFFILIATION: EL PASO COUNTY, 1980

	Armed forces	Civilian employed	Civilian unemployed	Not in labor force
Males, aged 16 to 19				
Hispanic	7.6	48.9	20.7	22.8
White, non-Hispanic	80.6	4.5	9.0	6.0
Males, aged 20 to 24				
Hispanic	3.1	65.4	11.7	19.8
White, non-Hispanic	52.8	34.0	7.5	5.7
Females, aged 16 to 19				
Hispanic	*	28.0	9.3	62.7
Females, aged 20 to 24				
Hispanic	*	42.3	4.3	53.4

*Less than 0.1 of a percent.

NOTE: Detail may not add to 100.0 percent because of rounding.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Table 13d.--DROPOUT RATES AND PERCENTAGES OF FOREIGN-BORN HISPANIC DROPOUTS, AGED 16 TO 24, WITH FEWER THAN NINE YEARS OF SCHOOLING, BY AGE GROUP AND SEX: EL PASO COUNTY, 1980

	Dropout rates		Percentage of 16-24-year-old dropouts with <9 years of schooling
	Youth, 16-19	Youth, 20-24	
Males	24.2	45.7	56.3
Females	34.2	50.2	66.5

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Table 14a.--DROPOUT RATES AND PERCENTAGES OF DROPOUTS, AGED 16 TO 24, WITH FEWER THAN NINE YEARS OF SCHOOLING, BY AGE GROUP, SEX AND RACIAL/ETHNIC AFFILIATION: BELL AND CORYELL COUNTIES, 1980

	Dropout rates		Percentage of 16-24-year-old dropouts with <9 years of schooling
	Youth, 16-19	Youth, 20-24	
Males			
Hispanic	24.0	24.5	29.6
White, non-Hispanic	22.0	18.2	7.9
Black, non-Hispanic	29.3	18.2	6.6
Females			
Hispanic	*	29.6	*
White, non-Hispanic	18.3	19.6	17.4
Black, non-Hispanic	16.3	15.0	*

*Base number less than an estimated 1,000 persons.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Table 14b.--CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT RATES OF YOUTH, AGED 16 TO 24, AND THOSE WHO ARE DROPOUTS, BY AGE GROUP, SEX AND RACIAL/ETHNIC AFFILIATION: BELL AND CORYELL COUNTIES, 1980

	Aged 16 to 19		Aged 20 to 24	
	Total popu-lation	Dropouts	Total popu-lation	Dropouts
Males				
Hispanic	18.7	*	21.8	*
White, non-Hispanic	29.0	15.9	32.6	30.4
Black, non-Hispanic	4.6	5.9	6.1	9.9
Females				
Hispanic	*	*	24.7	*
White, non-Hispanic	37.0	26.9	51.0	32.5
Black, non-Hispanic	10.5	*	22.0	*

*Base number less than an estimated 1,000 persons.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Table 14c.--PERCENTAGES OF DROPOUTS, AGED 16 TO 24, BY LABOR FORCE STATUS, AGE GROUP, SEX AND RACIAL/ETHNIC AFFILIATION: BELL AND CORYELL COUNTIES, 1980

	Armed forces	Civilian employed	Civilian unemployed	Not in labor force
Males, aged 16 to 19				
White, non-Hispanic	68.2	15.9	8.0	8.0
Black, non-Hispanic	92.2	5.9	2.0	*
Males, aged 20 to 24				
White, non-Hispanic	61.7	30.4	4.3	3.5
Black, non-Hispanic	85.9	9.9	*	4.2
Females, aged 16 to 19				
White, non-Hispanic	1.9	26.9	5.8	65.4
Females, aged 20 to 24				
White, non-Hispanic	1.2	32.5	10.0	56.2

*Less than 0.1 of a percent.

NOTE: Detail may not add to 100.0 percent because of rounding.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

enrolled in school and had not graduated from high school. Blacks constituted 27 percent of the total and 26 percent of the dropouts, while Hispanics constituted 12 percent of the total and 16 percent of the dropouts. There were few foreign-born youth in Bell and Coryell Counties in 1980. As in El Paso County, large proportions of non-Hispanic dropouts are employed in the armed forces.

The Hidalgo and Willacy Counties SDA. Findings for Hidalgo County are contained in tables 15a, 15b, 15c and 15d. In 1980, 94 percent of young people, aged 16 to 24, and 93 percent of those who had failed to complete twelve years of schooling in the Hidalgo and Willacy Counties SDA lived in Hidalgo County. The population of Hidalgo County is very largely Hispanic. Hispanics constituted 88 percent of all youth, aged 16 to 24, in the county in 1980 and 94 percent of the dropouts in that age group. The foreign-born population was almost entirely Hispanic as well. Virtually no foreign-born dropouts were non-Hispanic.

The City of Austin and Travis County SDA. The population of the state capital and its surrounding county is predominantly Anglo. In 1980, 71 percent of youth, aged 16 to 24, were Anglo. Hispanics constituted 18 percent and Blacks, 10 percent. Among dropouts, 46 percent were Anglo, 38 percent were Hispanic and 16 percent were Black. There were 4,800 foreign-born youth, 43 percent of whom were Anglo. Fewer than 1,000 foreign-born youth had failed to complete at least the twelfth grade.

Young Anglos in Travis County are highly educated and many of them are enrolled in the institutions of higher education in the county, thus accounting for the lower than average dropout rates. In 1980, as shown in table 16a, the dropout rates of both men and women were below ten percent

Table 15a.--DROPOUT RATES AND PERCENTAGES OF DROPOUTS, AGED 16 TO 24, WITH FEWER THAN NINE YEARS OF SCHOOLING, BY AGE GROUP, SEX AND RACIAL/ETHNIC AFFILIATION: HIDALGO COUNTY, 1980

	Dropout rates		Percentage of 16-24-year-old dropouts with <9 years of schooling
	Youth, 16-19	Youth, 20-24	
Males			
Hispanic	20.9	36.7	50.4
White, non-Hispanic	8.6	6.5	*
Females			
Hispanic	20.6	37.8	58.7
White, non-Hispanic	7.4	17.1	*

*Base number less than an estimated 1,000 persons.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Table 15b.--CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT RATES OF YOUTH, AGED 16 TO 24, AND THOSE WHO ARE DROPOUTS, BY AGE GROUP, SEX AND RACIAL/ETHNIC AFFILIATION: HIDALGO COUNTY, 1980

	Aged 16 to 19		Aged 20 to 24	
	Total population	Dropouts	Total population	Dropouts
Males				
Hispanic	34.0	51.8	74.4	72.2
White, non-Hispanic	51.7	*	77.9	*
Females				
Hispanic	31.9	40.9	54.2	37.2
White, non-Hispanic	36.8	*	64.3	*

*Base number less than an estimated 1,000 persons.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Table 15c.--PERCENTAGES OF HISPANIC DROPOUTS, AGED 16 TO 24, BY LABOR FORCE STATUS, SEX AND AGE GROUP: HIDALGO COUNTY, 1980

	Armed forces	Civilian employed	Civilian unemployed	Not in labor force
Males				
Aged 16 to 19	*	51.8	16.1	32.1
Aged 20 to 24	0.6	72.2	12.7	14.6
Females				
Aged 16 to 19	*	40.9	6.4	52.7
Aged 20 to 24	*	37.2	8.0	54.8

*Less than 0.1 of a percent.

NOTE: Detail may not add to 100.0 percent because of rounding.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Table 15d.--DROPOUT RATES AND PERCENTAGES OF FOREIGN-BORN HISPANIC DROPOUTS, AGED 16 TO 24, WITH FEWER THAN NINE YEARS OF SCHOOLING, BY AGE GROUP AND SEX: HIDALGO COUNTY, 1980

	Dropout rates		Percentage of 16-24-year-old dropouts with <9 years of schooling
	Youth, 16-19	Youth, 20-24	
Males	33.6	56.2	73.6
Females	29.7	62.6	81.8

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Table 16a.—DROPOUT RATES AND PERCENTAGES OF DROPOUTS, AGED 16 TO 24, WITH FEWER THAN NINE YEARS OF SCHOOLING, BY AGE GROUP, SEX AND RACIAL/ETHNIC AFFILIATION: CITY OF AUSTIN AND TRAVIS COUNTY SERVICE DELIVERY AREA, 1980

	Dropout rates		Percentage of 16-24-year-old dropouts with <9 years of schooling
	Youth, 16-19	Youth, 20-24	
Males			
Hispanic	22.8	32.1	48.0
White, non-Hispanic	11.7	8.0	23.9
Black, non-Hispanic	23.2	20.9	15.7
Females			
Hispanic	23.4	29.2	38.9
White, non-Hispanic	8.9	6.7	16.7
Black, non-Hispanic	17.9	21.2	*

*Base number less than an estimated 1,000 persons.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Table 16b.—CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT RATES OF YOUTH, AGED 16 TO 24, AND THOSE WHO ARE DROPOUTS, BY AGE GROUP, SEX AND RACIAL/ETHNIC AFFILIATION: CITY OF AUSTIN AND TRAVIS COUNTY SERVICE DELIVERY AREA, 1980

	Aged 16 to 19		Aged 20 to 24	
	Total population	Dropouts	Total population	Dropouts
Males				
Hispanic	44.9	*	73.4	77.0
White, non-Hispanic	44.5	50.0	61.2	68.7
Black, non-Hispanic	36.8	*	62.6	*
Females				
Hispanic	37.7	*	63.6	44.6
White, non-Hispanic	40.5	44.9	66.6	62.3
Black, non-Hispanic	34.0	*	68.9	*

*Base number less than an estimated 1,000 persons.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

except for younger males, 12 percent of whom had left school before high school graduation. In contrast, the rates of Hispanics and Blacks who lived in Travis County in 1980 were similar to their rates elsewhere on the average. Other findings on dropouts in Travis County are displayed in tables 16b and 16c.

The Panhandle SDA. Tables 17a, 17b and 17c present findings for the Panhandle SDA. In 1980, nearly four out of five young people, aged 16 to 24, who lived in the Panhandle SDA were Anglos. Hispanics constituted 15 percent and Blacks 4 percent. Among the dropouts, 59 percent were Anglos, 34 percent were Hispanics and 3 percent were Blacks. There were 1,500 foreign-born dropouts, three-quarters of whom were Hispanics.

The Permian Basin SDA. Thirty-seven percent of the youth in the study group and 42 percent of the dropouts in the Permian Basin SDA lived in Ector County (Odessa SMSA) in 1980. Findings for this group are displayed in table 18.

Anglos predominate in Ector County. In 1980, 72 percent of the total population, aged 16 to 24, and 53 percent of the dropouts were Anglos. Hispanics constituted 22 percent of the total age group and 41 percent of the dropouts. Blacks constituted 5 percent of the total and 5 percent of the dropout population. There were about 1,000 foreign-born dropouts most of whom were Hispanic.

The West Central Texas SDA. The findings shown in table 19 are based on data for Taylor County (part of Abilene SMSA). Forty-five percent of the population, aged 16 to 24, and 40 percent of the dropouts in the West Central Texas SDA lived in Taylor County in 1980. Among the total group, 77 percent were Anglos, 14 percent were Hispanics, and 8 percent were Blacks.

Table 16c.--PERCENTAGES OF DROPOUTS, AGED 16 TO 24, BY LABOR FORCE STATUS, SEX, AGE GROUP AND RACIAL/ETHNIC AFFILIATION: CITY OF AUSTIN AND TRAVIS COUNTY SERVICE DELIVERY AREA, 1980

	Armed forces	Civilian employed	Civilian unemployed	Not in labor force
Males, aged 16 to 19				
White, non-Hispanic	1.6	50.0	15.6	32.8
Males, aged 20 to 24				
Hispanic	*	77.0	6.9	16.1
White, non-Hispanic	5.1	68.7	6.1	20.2
Females, aged 16 to 19				
White, non-Hispanic	*	44.9	10.2	44.9
Females, aged 20 to 24				
Hispanic	*	44.6	6.8	48.6
White, non-Hispanic	*	62.3	5.2	32.5

*Less than 0.1 of a percent.

NOTE: Detail may not add to 100.0 percent because of rounding.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Table 17a.--DROPOUT RATES AND PERCENTAGES OF DROPOUTS, AGED 16 TO 24, WITH FEWER THAN NINE YEARS OF SCHOOLING, BY AGE GROUP, SEX AND RACIAL/ETHNIC AFFILIATION: PANHANDLE SERVICE DELIVERY AREA, 1980

	Dropout rates		Percentage of 16-24-year-old dropouts with <9 years of schooling
	Youth, 16-19	Youth, 20-24	
Males			
Hispanic	37.4	48.8	38.6
White, non-Hispanic	13.2	17.9	16.7
Females			
Hispanic	48.3	57.0	52.2
White, non-Hispanic	17.3	15.1	14.0

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Table 17b.--CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT RATES OF YOUTH, AGED 16 TO 24, AND THOSE WHO ARE DROPOUTS, BY AGE GROUP, SEX AND RACIAL/ETHNIC AFFILIATION: PANHANDLE SERVICE DELIVERY AREA, 1980

	Aged 16 to 19		Aged 20 to 24	
	Total population	Dropouts	Total population	Dropouts
Males				
Hispanic	57.9	*	90.4	90.2
White, non-Hispanic	58.4	72.6	89.7	87.6
Females				
Hispanic	42.5	*	45.3	32.9
White, non-Hispanic	40.0	36.8	59.5	40.4

*Base number less than an estimated 1,000 persons.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Table 17c.--PERCENTAGES OF DROPOUTS, AGED 16 TO 24, BY LABOR FORCE STATUS, SEX, AGE GROUP AND RACIAL/ETHNIC AFFILIATION: PANHANDLE SERVICE DELIVERY AREA, 1980

	Armed forces	Civilian employed	Civilian unemployed	Not in labor force
Males, aged 16 to 19				
White, non-Hispanic	*	72.6	8.2	19.2
Males, aged 20 to 24				
Hispanic	*	90.2	6.6	3.3
White, non-Hispanic	*	87.6	6.2	6.2
Females, aged 16 to 19				
White, non-Hispanic	*	36.8	6.9	56.3
Females, aged 20 to 24				
Hispanic	*	32.9	5.5	61.6
White, non-Hispanic	1.0	40.4	3.0	55.6

*Less than 0.1 of a percent.

NOTE: Detail may not add to 100.0 percent because of rounding.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Table 18.--DROPOUT RATES AND PERCENTAGES OF DROPOUTS, AGED 16 TO 24, WITH FEWER THAN NINE YEARS OF SCHOOLING, BY AGE GROUP, SEX AND RACIAL/ETHNIC AFFILIATION: ECTOR COUNTY, 1980

	Dropout rates		Percentage of 16-24-year-old dropouts with <9 years of schooling
	Youth, 16-19	Youth, 20-24	
Males			
Hispanic	37.7	45.2	58.5
White, non-Hispanic	15.3	22.3	13.7
Females			
Hispanic	40.0	53.8	58.2
White, non-Hispanic	16.9	16.7	15.2

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Table 19.--DROPOUT RATES AND PERCENTAGES OF DROPOUTS, AGED 16 TO 24, WITH FEWER THAN NINE YEARS OF SCHOOLING, BY AGE GROUP, SEX AND RACIAL/ETHNIC AFFILIATION: TAYLOR COUNTY, 1980

	Dropout rates		Percentage of 16-24-year-old dropouts with <9 years of schooling
	Youth, 16-19	Youth, 20-24	
Males			
Hispanic	*	47.1	*
White, non-Hispanic	16.6	10.3	24.1
Females			
White, non-Hispanic	16.9	14.1	25.0

*Base number less than an estimated 1,000 persons.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Anglos constituted 56 percent of the dropouts, Hispanics, 33 percent and Blacks, 9 percent. There were very few foreign-born youth.

The City of Corpus Christi and Nueces County SDA. Tables 20a, 20b and 20c display findings for the City of Corpus Christi and Nueces County SDA. Hispanic youth constitute the majority of the group, aged 16 to 24, and two-thirds of the dropouts. They constitute a large portion of the foreign-born. In 1980, 54 percent of the total group and 69 percent of the dropouts were Hispanics. Anglos constituted 41 percent of the total and 29 percent of the dropouts and Blacks, 4 percent and 2 percent of these groups, respectively.

The Deep East Texas SDA. The findings in tables 21a, 21b and 21c are based upon data from the twelve counties in the Deep East Texas SDA plus data for Walker County. The data for Walker County constitute 20 percent of the data for the total group of youth, aged 16 to 24, and 19 percent of the data for those who failed to complete twelve years of schooling upon which the findings in the tables are based.

The twelve counties of the Deep East Texas SDA and Walker County are predominantly Anglo. Blacks are the largest minority group. In 1980, Anglos constituted 77 percent of the total age group for this study and 70 percent of the dropouts. Blacks constituted 18 percent of the total group and 20 percent of the dropouts. Hispanics constituted 4 percent of the total group and 10 percent of the dropouts. There were few foreign-born youth in this area in 1980.

The Cameron County SDA. Cameron County is overwhelmingly Hispanic. In 1980, 84 percent of the age group, 16 to 24, and all but 5 percent of the dropouts were Hispanic. There were 3,200 foreign-born dropouts, virtually

Table 20a.--DROPOUT RATES AND PERCENTAGES OF DROPOUTS, AGED 16 TO 24, WITH FEWER THAN NINE YEARS OF SCHOOLING, BY AGE GROUP, SEX AND RACIAL/ETHNIC AFFILIATION: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI AND NUECES COUNTY SERVICE DELIVERY AREA, 1980

	Dropout rates		Percentage of 16-24-year-old dropouts with <9 years of schooling
	Youth, 16-19	Youth, 20-24	
Males			
Hispanic	23.1	33.8	38.8
White, non-Hispanic	11.1	15.6	23.2
Females			
Hispanic	19.9	33.0	41.2
White, non-Hispanic	17.7	15.2	13.0

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Table 20b.--CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT RATES OF YOUTH, AGED 16 TO 24, AND THOSE WHO ARE DROPOUTS, BY AGE GROUP, SEX AND RACIAL/ETHNIC AFFILIATION: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI AND NUECES COUNTY SERVICE DELIVERY AREA, 1980

	Aged 16 to 19		Aged 20 to 24	
	Total population	Dropouts	Total population	Dropouts
Males				
Hispanic	48.6	62.7	81.3	78.6
White, non-Hispanic	45.4	*	73.6	*
Females				
Hispanic	26.8	13.3	58.9	38.5
White, non-Hispanic	37.9	*	60.9	*

*Base number less than an estimated 1,000 persons.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Table 20c.--PERCENTAGES OF HISPANIC DROPOUTS, AGED 16 TO 24, BY LABOR FORCE STATUS, SEX AND AGE GROUP: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI AND NUECES COUNTY SERVICE DELIVERY AREA, 1980

	Armed forces	Civilian employed	Civilian unemployed	Not in labor force
Males				
Aged 16 to 19	1.5	62.7	9.0	26.9
Aged 20 to 24	*	78.6	3.9	17.5
Females				
Aged 16 to 19	*	13.3	15.0	71.7
Aged 20 to 24	*	38.5	1.6	59.8

*Less than 0.1 of a percent.

NOTE: Detail may not add to 100.0 percent because of rounding.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Table 21a.--DROPOUT RATES AND PERCENTAGES OF DROPOUTS, AGED 16 TO 24, WITH FEWER THAN NINE YEARS OF SCHOOLING, BY AGE GROUP, SEX AND RACIAL/ETHNIC AFFILIATION: DEEP EAST TEXAS SERVICE DELIVERY AREA AND WALKER COUNTY, 1980

	Dropout rates		Percentage of 16-24-year-old dropouts with <9 years of schooling
	Youth, 16-19	Youth, 20-24	
Males			
Hispanic	*	52.8	*
White, non-Hispanic	18.4	19.0	29.2
Black, non-Hispanic	21.1	26.2	20.7
Females			
White, non-Hispanic	17.7	19.2	24.3
Black, non-Hispanic	13.2	28.5	23.6

*Base number less than an estimated 1,000 persons.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Table 21b.—CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT RATES OF YOUTH, AGED 16 TO 24, AND THOSE WHO ARE DROPOUTS, BY AGE GROUP, SEX AND RACIAL/ETHNIC AFFILIATION: DEEP EAST TEXAS SERVICE DELIVERY AREA AND WALKER COUNTY, 1980

	Aged 16 to 19		Aged 20 to 24	
	Total population	Dropouts	Total population	Dropouts
Males				
Hispanic	*	*	34.0	*
White, non-Hispanic	46.9	63.1	68.6	67.8
Black, non-Hispanic	32.2	*	59.5	*
Females				
White, non-Hispanic	32.0	19.5	48.7	35.8
Black, non-Hispanic	18.4	*	49.2	*

*Base number less than an estimated 1,000 persons.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Table 21c.--PERCENTAGES OF WHITE NON-HISPANIC DROPOUTS, AGED 16 TO 24, BY LABOR FORCE STATUS, SEX AND AGE GROUP: DEEP EAST TEXAS SERVICE DELIVERY AREA AND WALKER COUNTY, 1980

	Armed forces	Civilian employed	Civilian unemployed	Not in labor force
Males				
Aged 16 to 19	*	63.1	11.9	25.0
Aged 20 to 24	*	67.8	6.8	25.4
Females				
Aged 16 to 19	*	19.5	7.3	73.2
Aged 20 to 24	*	35.8	4.2	60.0

*Less than 0.1 of a percent.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

all of whom were Hispanic. Findings for the Cameron County SDA are displayed in tables 22a, 22b, 22c and 22d.

The Balance of Coastal Bend Planning Region SDA. The findings in tables 23a, 23b and 23c are based upon data for the eleven counties of the Balance of Coastal Bend Planning Region SDA plus data for Willacy County. Data for Willacy County constituted 7 percent of the data for the total group studied and 10 percent of the dropouts.

Young Hispanics are in the majority in the twelve counties on the Gulf Coast surrounding Corpus Christi and Nueces County as a group. In 1980, they constituted 57 percent of the total population, aged 16 to 24, and 72 percent of dropouts. Anglo youth constituted 39 percent of the total and a quarter of the dropouts. There were fewer than 1,000 foreign-born dropouts in this area in 1980 and almost all of them were Hispanic.

The South East SDA. The South East SDA coincides with the Beaumont-Port Arthur-Orange SMSA. As in the Deep East Texas SDA, which it adjoins, the population in the South East SDA is predominantly Anglo. Blacks constitute the largest minority group. There are few Hispanics. In 1980, 70 percent of the total population in the study group was Anglo, a quarter was Black and 4 percent was Hispanic. Among the young people who had failed to graduate from high school, the proportions were about the same. There were few foreign-born young people. Tables 24a, 24b and 24c display the findings for the South East SDA.

The Balance of Capital Planning Region SDA. The Balance of Capital Planning Region SDA consists of nine counties surrounding Travis County and the state capital. The findings in table 25 are based upon data for six of

Table 22a.--DROPOUT RATES AND PERCENTAGES OF DROPOUTS, AGED 16 TO 24, WITH FEWER THAN NINE YEARS OF SCHOOLING, BY AGE GROUP, SEX AND RACIAL/ETHNIC AFFILIATION: CAMERON COUNTY SERVICE DELIVERY AREA, 1980

	Dropout rates		Percentage of 16-24-year-old dropouts with <9 years of schooling
	Youth, 16-19	Youth, 20-24	
Males			
Hispanic	21.3	35.9	46.9
White, non-Hispanic	4.1	9.7	*
Females			
Hispanic	22.2	39.6	56.4
White, non-Hispanic	11.5	10.3	*

*Base number less than an estimated 1,000 persons.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Table 22b.--CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT RATES OF YOUTH, AGED 16 TO 24, AND THOSE WHO ARE DROPOUTS, BY AGE GROUP, SEX AND RACIAL/ETHNIC AFFILIATION: CAMERON COUNTY SERVICE DELIVERY AREA, 1980

	Aged 16 to 19		Aged 20 to 24	
	Total population	Dropouts	Total population	Dropouts
Males				
Hispanic	29.9	35.4	71.6	72.2
White, non-Hispanic	21.9	*	79.0	*
Females				
Hispanic	31.7	35.7	55.1	39.5
White, non-Hispanic	32.7	*	61.8	*

*Base number less than an estimated 1,000 persons.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Table 22c.--PERCENTAGES OF HISPANIC DROPOUTS, AGED 16 TO 24, BY LABOR FORCE STATUS, SEX AND AGE GROUP: CAMERON COUNTY SERVICE DELIVERY AREA, 1980

	Armed forces	Civilian employed	Civilian unemployed	Not in labor force
Males				
Aged 16 to 19	*	35.4	17.7	46.8
Aged 20 to 24	1.7	72.2	16.5	9.6
Females				
Aged 16 to 19	*	35.7	7.1	57.1
Aged 20 to 24	*	39.5	8.3	52.2

*Less than 0.1 of a percent.

NOTE: Detail may not add to 100.0 percent because of rounding.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Table 22d.--DROPOUT RATES AND PERCENTAGES OF FOREIGN-BORN HISPANIC DROPOUTS, AGED 16 TO 24, WITH FEWER THAN NINE YEARS OF SCHOOLING, BY AGE GROUP AND SEX: CAMERON COUNTY SERVICE DELIVERY AREA, 1980

	Dropout rates		Percentage of 16-24-year-old dropouts with <9 years of schooling
	Youth, 16-19	Youth, 20-24	
Males	30.3	46.2	67.8
Females	33.8	74.0	79.0

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Table 23a.--DROPOUT RATES AND PERCENTAGES OF DROPOUTS, AGED 16 TO 24, WITH FEWER THAN NINE YEARS OF SCHOOLING, BY AGE GROUP, SEX AND RACIAL/ETHNIC AFFILIATION: BALANCE OF COASTAL BEND PLANNING REGION SERVICE DELIVERY AREA AND WILLACY COUNTY, 1980

	Dropout rates		Percentage of 16-24-year-old dropouts with <9 years of schooling
	Youth, 16-19	Youth, 20-24	
Males			
Hispanic	21.6	33.9	29.9
White, non-Hispanic	15.6	12.4	18.3
Females			
Hispanic	24.3	37.4	48.2
White, non-Hispanic	12.7	19.3	10.9

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Table 23b.--CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT RATES OF YOUTH, AGED 16 TO 24, AND THOSE WHO ARE DROPOUTS, BY AGE GROUP, SEX AND RACIAL/ETHNIC AFFILIATION: BALANCE OF COASTAL BEND PLANNING REGION SERVICE DELIVERY AREA AND WILLACY COUNTY, 1980

	Aged 16 to 19		Aged 20 to 24	
	Total population	Dropouts	Total population	Dropouts
Males				
Hispanic	36.6	57.1	73.6	79.8
White, non-Hispanic	47.6	*	59.0	*
Females				
Hispanic	20.7	22.4	44.1	32.7
White, non-Hispanic	31.8	*	49.7	*

*Base number less than an estimated 1,000 persons.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Table 23c.--PERCENTAGES OF HISPANIC DROPOUTS, AGED 16 TO 24, BY LABOR FORCE STATUS, SEX AND AGE GROUP: BALANCE OF COASTAL BEND PLANNING REGION SERVICE DELIVERY AREA AND WILLACY COUNTY, 1980

	Armed forces	Civilian employed	Civilian unemployed	Not in labor force
Males				
Aged 16 to 19	*	57.1	12.7	30.2
Aged 20 to 24	*	79.8	7.4	12.8
Females				
Aged 16 to 19	*	22.4	3.0	74.6
Aged 20 to 24	*	32.7	5.9	61.4

*Less than 0.1 of a percent.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Table 24a.--DROPOUT RATES AND PERCENTAGES OF DROPOUTS, AGED 16 TO 24, WITH FEWER THAN NINE YEARS OF SCHOOLING, BY AGE GROUP, SEX AND RACIAL/ETHNIC AFFILIATION: SOUTH EAST SERVICE DELIVERY AREA, 1980

	Dropout rates		Percentage of 16-24-year-old dropouts with <9 years of schooling
	Youth, 16-19	Youth, 20-24	
Males			
White, non-Hispanic	10.0	13.1	11.7
Black, non-Hispanic	6.5	14.9	*
Females			
White, non-Hispanic	12.0	14.8	18.9
Black, non-Hispanic	9.5	18.6	18.0

*Base number less than an estimated 1,000 persons.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Table 24b.--CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT RATES OF YOUTH, AGED 16 TO 24, AND THOSE WHO ARE DROPOUTS, BY AGE GROUP, SEX AND RACIAL/ETHNIC AFFILIATION: SOUTH EAST SERVICE DELIVERY AREA; 1980

	Aged 16 to 19		Aged 20 to 24	
	Total population	Dropouts	Total population	Dropouts
Males				
White, non-Hispanic	47.1	*	82.1	80.5
Black, non-Hispanic	32.5	*	62.9	*
Females				
White, non-Hispanic	35.7	25.0	58.9	31.8
Black, non-Hispanic	26.0	*	52.2	*

*Base number less than an estimated 1,000 persons.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Table 24c.--PERCENTAGES OF WHITE NON-HISPANIC DROPOUTS, AGED 16 TO 24, BY LABOR FORCE STATUS, SEX AND AGE GROUP: SOUTH EAST SERVICE DELIVERY AREA, 1980

	Armed forces	Civilian employed	Civilian unemployed	Not in labor force
Males				
Aged 20 to 24	*	80.5	13.4	6.1
Females				
Aged 16 to 19	*	25.0	3.3	71.7
Aged 20 to 24	*	31.8	3.4	64.8

*Less than 0.1 of a percent.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Table 25.--DROPOUT RATES AND PERCENTAGES OF DROPOUTS, AGED 16 TO 24, WITH FEWER THAN NINE YEARS OF SCHOOLING, BY AGE GROUP, SEX AND RACIAL/ETHNIC AFFILIATION: COUNTIES IN THE SOUTHEASTERN PART OF THE CAPITAL PLANNING REGION,[1] 1980

	Dropout rates		Percentage of 16-24-year-old dropouts with <9 years of schooling
	Youth, 16-19	Youth, 20-24	
Males			
Hispanic	26.1	40.4	31.3
White, non-Hispanic	9.4	11.3	16.7
Black, non-Hispanic	55.7	31.1	26.0
Females			
Hispanic	26.5	35.9	37.3
White, non-Hispanic	6.5	9.6	21.4
Black, non-Hispanic	31.1	*	*

*Base number less than an estimated 1,000 persons.
[1]Bastrop, Caldwell, Fayette, Hays, Lee, Milam and Williamson Counties.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

these counties and Milam County which adjoin Travis County in the southeastern part of the planning region. Their combined 1980 population, aged 16 to 24, was roughly comparable in size to that of the Balance of Capital Planning Region SDA. Their combined dropout population was 96 percent of that living in the SDA.

Anglo youth constitute the majority in the seven counties in the southeastern part of the Capital Planning Region. In 1980, two-thirds of the 16-to-24 age group were Anglos, 19 percent were Hispanics and 13 percent were Blacks. Among the dropouts, however, Anglos and Hispanics were nearly equal in numbers. They constituted a little more than a third each. Twenty-seven percent of the dropouts were Black. There were few foreign-born dropouts.

The Heart of Texas SDA. Table 26 presents findings for McLennan County (Waco SMSA), one of the six counties which constitute the Heart of Texas SDA. Two thirds of the total study population in the SDA and 56 percent of the dropouts lived in McLennan County in 1980.

McLennan County is predominantly Anglo and Blacks are the largest minority population. Anglo youth constituted 77 percent of the 16-to-24-year-old age group in 1980; Blacks, 14 percent, and Hispanics 8 percent. Among dropouts, Anglos constituted 58 percent but Hispanics, with 23 percent, exceeded the numbers of Blacks who constituted 19 percent. There were few foreign-born dropouts.

The North Texas SDA. The North Texas SDA comprises twelve counties in an area adjoining Oklahoma. The findings on Anglo dropouts shown in table 27 are based upon data for these counties plus data for Knox County. Knox County accounted for 2 percent of the total number of young people, aged 16 to 24, and 2 percent of the dropouts in the 1980 data. Eighty-two percent of the total study group and 72 percent of the dropouts in the

Table 26.--DROPOUT RATES AND PERCENTAGES OF DROPOUTS, AGED 16 TO 24, WITH FEWER THAN NINE YEARS OF SCHOOLING, BY AGE GROUP, SEX AND RACIAL/ETHNIC AFFILIATION: McLENNAN COUNTY, 1980

	Dropout rates		Percentage of 16-24-year-old dropouts with <9 years of schooling
	Youth, 16-19	Youth, 20-24	
Males			
White, non-Hispanic	9.8	10.1	13.2
Black, non-Hispanic	15.9	16.9	*
Females			
Hispanic	*	44.0	*
White, non-Hispanic	9.4	10.8	20.9
Black, non-Hispanic	17.2	19.4	*

*Base number less than an estimated 1,000 persons.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Table 27.--SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS OF WHITE NON-HISPANIC YOUTH, AGED 16 TO 24, AND WHITE NON-HISPANIC DROPOUTS, BY SEX AND AGE GROUP: NORTH TEXAS SERVICE DELIVERY AREA AND KNOX COUNTY, 1980

	Males	Females
Dropout rates		
Aged 16 to 19	16.3	19.5
Aged 20 to 24	18.2	18.1
Percentages with fewer than nine years of schooling	15.7	15.1
Civilian employment rates		
Total, aged 16 to 19	47.4	48.4
Dropouts	50.8	43.3
Total, aged 20 to 24	74.2	55.6
Dropouts	84.0	37.9
Labor force status of dropouts, aged 16 to 19		
Armed forces	22.0	6.7
Civilian employed	50.8	43.3
Civilian unemployed	10.2	5.0
Not in labor force	16.9	45.0
Labor force status of dropouts, aged 20 to 24		
Armed forces	6.7	3.0
Civilian employed	84.0	37.9
Civilian unemployed	2.7	6.1
Not in labor force	6.7	53.0

NOTE: Detail may not add to 100.0 percent because of rounding.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

thirteen counties were Anglos in 1980. Nine percent of the total group were Hispanics and 8 percent were Blacks. Among the dropouts, 19 percent were Hispanics and 6 percent, Blacks. There were few foreign-born dropouts in these thirteen counties.

The Middle Rio Grande SDA. Middle Rio Grande SDA adjoins the state of Coahuila, Mexico, across the Rio Grande. Its population is predominantly Hispanic. In 1980, young Hispanics constituted 77 percent of the total study group and 89 percent of those who had not graduated from high school. Anglos constituted 21 percent of the total group and half as many, proportionally, of the dropouts. Three in ten of the dropouts were foreign-born and almost all of them were Hispanic. Findings for these groups are displayed in tables 28a, 28b, 28c and 28d.

The South Texas Planning Region SDA. Like the Middle Rio Grande SDA, the South Texas Planning Region SDA also borders on Mexico and its population is even more Hispanic than that of Middle Rio Grande. Young Hispanics constituted 93 percent of the total population and 94 percent of the dropout population, aged 16 to 24, in 1980. Thirty-one percent of the dropouts were born in foreign countries and almost all of them were Hispanic. Findings on young Hispanics who lived in the South Texas Planning Region SDA in 1980 are displayed in table 29.

The North East SDA. The North East SDA consists of counties in the northeastern corner of Texas, adjoining Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana. Its population is largely Anglo. Blacks constitute the largest minority group. In 1980, the total study population was 77 percent Anglo, 20 percent Black and 2 percent Hispanic. The dropout population was 78 percent Anglo, 16 percent Black and 6 percent Hispanic. There were few foreign-born youth

Table 28a.--DROPOUT RATES AND PERCENTAGES OF DROPOUTS, AGED 16 TO 24, WITH FEWER THAN NINE YEARS OF SCHOOLING, BY AGE GROUP, SEX AND RACIAL/ETHNIC AFFILIATION: MIDDLE RIO GRANDE SERVICE DELIVERY AREA, 1980

	Dropout rates		Percentage of 16-24-year-old dropouts with <9 years of schooling
	Youth, 16-19	Youth, 20-24	
Males			
Hispanic	27.0	52.5	51.3
White, non-Hispanic	*	9.0	*
Females			
Hispanic	28.0	45.2	55.4
White, non-Hispanic	*	19.3	*

*Base number less than an estimated 1,000 persons.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Table 28b.—CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT RATES OF YOUTH, AGED 16 TO 24, AND THOSE WHO ARE DROPOUTS, BY AGE GROUP, SEX AND RACIAL/ETHNIC AFFILIATION: MIDDLE RIO GRANDE SERVICE DELIVERY AREA, 1980

	Aged 16 to 19		Aged 20 to 24	
	Total population	Dropouts	Total population	Dropouts
Males				
Hispanics	35.7	54.8	72.1	70.8
White, non-Hispanic	*	*	43.6	*
Females				
Hispanic	23.2	23.7	45.2	30.3
White, non-Hispanic	*	*	21.1	*

*Base number less than an estimated 1,000 persons.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Table 28c.--PERCENTAGES OF HISPANIC DROPOUTS, AGED 16 TO 24, BY LABOR FORCE STATUS, SEX AND AGE GROUP: MIDDLE RIO GRANDE SERVICE DELIVERY AREA, 1980

	Armed forces	Civilian employed	Civilian unemployed	Not in labor force
Males				
Aged 16 to 19	*	54.8	17.7	27.4
Aged 20 to 24	1.0	70.8	16.7	11.5
Females				
Aged 16 to 19	*	23.7	16.9	59.3
Aged 20 to 24	*	30.3	6.7	62.9

*Less than 0.1 of a percent.

NOTE: Detail may not add to 100.0 percent because of rounding.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Table 28d.--DROPOUT RATES AND PERCENTAGES OF FOREIGN-BORN HISPANIC DROPOUTS, AGED 16 TO 24, WITH FEWER THAN NINE YEARS OF SCHOOLING, BY SEX: MIDDLE RIO GRANDE SERVICE DELIVERY AREA, 1980

	Dropout rate	Percentage with <9 years of schooling
Males	51.6	67.3
Females	52.6	72.0

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Table 29.--SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS OF HISPANIC YOUTH, AGED 16 TO 24, AND HISPANIC DROPOUTS, BY SEX, AGE GROUP AND NATIVITY: SOUTH TEXAS PLANNING REGION SERVICE DELIVERY AREA, 1980

	Males	Females
Dropout rates, total		
Aged 16 to 19	22.1	24.1
Aged 20 to 24	36.4	29.3
Dropout rates, foreign-born	54.1	54.4
Percentages with fewer than nine years of schooling, total	52.3	54.2
Foreign-born	*	80.6
Civilian employment rates		
Total, aged 16 to 19	31.2	22.4
Dropouts	55.7	26.0
Total, aged 20 to 24	69.6	54.9
Dropouts	67.6	38.8
Labor force status of dropouts, aged 16 to 19		
Armed forces	*	*
Civilian employed	55.7	26.0
Civilian unemployed	12.9	6.8
Not in labor force	31.4	67.1
Labor force status of dropouts, aged 20 to 24		
Armed forces	1.0	*
Civilian employed	67.6	38.8
Civilian unemployed	12.7	3.8
Not in labor force	18.6	57.5

*Less than 0.1 of a percent.

NOTE: Detail may not add to 100.0 percent because of rounding.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

in the SDA. Findings on the Anglo and Black youth are presented in tables 30a, 30b and 30c.

The Lubbock and Garza Counties SDA. Tables 31a and 31b display the findings on dropouts in Lubbock County (Lubbock SMSA), in which almost all the young people of interest for this study live. Fewer than 2 percent of the total age group and no more than 3 percent of those who were dropouts in the SDA lived in Garza County in 1980.

The population of Lubbock County is predominantly Anglo. However, most dropouts are Hispanic. In 1980, Anglos constituted three-quarters of the total population, aged 16 to 24, but only 40 percent of the dropouts. In contrast, Hispanics constituted 18 percent of the total age group but more than half of the dropouts. Blacks constituted 6 percent of the total age group and 9 percent of the dropouts. These different distributions are the result of the very high dropout rates of Hispanics in comparison with those of Anglos.

The Balance of South Plains Planning Region SDA. The findings in tables 32a, 32b and 32c are based upon data for the counties which constitute the Balance of South Plains Planning Region SDA and data for Garza County. Data for Garza County account for no more than 3 percent of the total data both for the age group as a whole and the dropouts.

The South Plains Planning Region SDA has a population similar to that of Lubbock County which it surrounds. As in Lubbock County the majority of the population is Anglo but the dropouts are predominantly Hispanic, due to their very high dropout rates in comparison with those of the Anglos. There are few foreign-born dropouts.

Table 30a.--DROPOUT RATES AND PERCENTAGES OF DROPOUTS, AGED 16 TO 24, WITH FEWER THAN NINE YEARS OF SCHOOLING, BY AGE GROUP, SEX AND RACIAL/ETHNIC AFFILIATION: NORTH EAST SERVICE DELIVERY AREA, 1980

	Dropout rates		Percentage of 16-24-year-old dropouts with <9 years of schooling
	Youth, 16-19	Youth, 20-24	
Males			
White, non-Hispanic	19.0	25.0	20.7
Black, non-Hispanic	7.7	27.6	*
Females			
White, non-Hispanic	17.0	21.9	19.8
Black, non-Hispanic	5.9	25.3	*

*Base number less than an estimated 1,000 persons.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Table 30b.--CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT RATES OF YOUTH, AGED 16 TO 24, AND THOSE WHO ARE DROPOUTS, BY AGE GROUP, SEX AND RACIAL/ETHNIC AFFILIATION: NORTH EAST SERVICE DELIVERY AREA, 1980

	Aged 16 to 19		Aged 20 to 24	
	Total population	Dropouts	Total population	Dropouts
Males				
White, non-Hispanic	47.1	50.8	86.7	81.5
Black, non-Hispanic	19.2	*	21.1	*
Females				
White, non-Hispanic	34.7	28.3	58.2	30.9
Black, non-Hispanic	17.8	*	54.4	*

*Base number less than an estimated 1,000 persons.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Table 30c.--PERCENTAGES OF WHITE NON-HISPANIC DROPOUTS, AGED 16 TO 24, BY LABOR FORCE STATUS, SEX AND AGE GROUP: NORTH EAST SERVICE DELIVERY AREA, 1980

	Armed forces	Civilian employed	Civilian unemployed	Not in labor force
Males				
Aged 16 to 19	*	50.8	16.9	32.2
Aged 20 to 24	1.2	81.5	4.9	12.3
Females				
Aged 16 to 19	*	28.3	18.9	52.8
Aged 20 to 24	*	30.9	4.4	64.7

*Less than 0.1 of a percent.

NOTE: Detail may not add to 100.0 percent because of rounding.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Table 31a.--DROPOUT RATES AND PERCENTAGES OF DROPOUTS, AGED 16 TO 24, WITH FEWER THAN NINE YEARS OF SCHOOLING, BY AGE GROUP, SEX AND RACIAL/ETHNIC AFFILIATION: LUBBOCK COUNTY, 1980

	Dropout rates		Percentage of 16-24-year-old dropouts with <9 years of schooling
	Youth, 16-19	Youth, 20-24	
Males			
Hispanic	30.4	42.1	31.0
White, non-Hispanic	7.0	6.2	4.8
Black, non-Hispanic	*	20.4	*
Females			
Hispanic	29.1	38.8	40.0
White, non-Hispanic	6.6	6.9	14.8

*Base number less than an estimated 1,000 persons.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Table 31b.--CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT RATES OF YOUTH, AGED 16 TO 24, AND THOSE WHO ARE DROPOUTS, BY AGE GROUP, SEX AND RACIAL/ETHNIC AFFILIATION: LUBBOCK COUNTY, 1980

	Total population, aged 16 to 19	Aged 20 to 24	
		Total population	Dropouts
Males			
Hispanic	48.0	88.0	91.1
White, non-Hispanic	46.9	67.7	*
Black, non-Hispanic	*	69.4	*
Females			
Hispanic	33.7	52.6	*
White, non-Hispanic	89.4	64.4	*

*Base number less than an estimated 1,000 persons.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Table 32a.--DROPOUT RATES AND PERCENTAGES OF DROPOUTS, AGED 16 TO 24, WITH FEWER THAN NINE YEARS OF SCHOOLING, BY AGE GROUP, SEX AND RACIAL/ETHNIC AFFILIATION: BALANCE OF SOUTH PLAINS PLANNING REGION SERVICE DELIVERY AREA AND GARZA COUNTY, 1980

	Dropout rates		Percentage of 16-24-year-old dropouts with <9 years of schooling
	Youth, 16-19	Youth, 20-24	
Males			
Hispanic	31.9	46.6	54.2
White, non-Hispanic	8.2	9.4	*
Females			
Hispanic	31.9	57.3	47.9
White, non-Hispanic	9.9	13.0	*

*Base number less than an estimated 1,000 persons.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Table 32b.--CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT RATES OF YOUTH, AGED 16 TO 24, AND THOSE WHO ARE DROPOUTS, BY AGE GROUP, SEX AND RACIAL/ETHNIC AFFILIATION: BALANCE OF SOUTH PLAINS PLANNING REGION SERVICE DELIVERY AREA AND GARZA COUNTY, 1980

	Total population, aged 16 to 19	Aged 20 to 24	
		Total population	Dropouts
Males			
Hispanic	54.6	81.2	81.0
White, non-Hispanic	46.8	90.6	*
Females			
Hispanic	30.2	45.6	28.8
White, non-Hispanic	33.3	52.3	*

*Base number less than an estimated 1,000 persons.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Table 32c.--PERCENTAGES OF HISPANIC DROPOUTS, AGED 20 TO 24, BY LABOR FORCE STATUS AND SEX: BALANCE OF SOUTH PLAINS PLANNING REGION SERVICE DELIVERY AREA AND GARZA COUNTY, 1980

	Armed forces	Civilian employed	Civilian unemployed	Not in labor force
Males	*	81.0	12.1	6.9
Females	*	28.8	10.2	61.0

*Less than 0.1 of a percent.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

The Golden Crescent SDA. The Golden Crescent SDA, like Lubbock County and the Balance of South Plains Planning Region SDA, has an Anglo majority among the young people in the study group, but a Hispanic majority among the dropouts. In 1980, 62 percent of young people, aged 16 to 24, were Anglo, 30 percent were Hispanic and 8 percent were Black. In contrast, 52 percent of the dropouts were Hispanic, a quarter were Anglo and 11 percent were Black. There were fewer than 1,000 foreign-born young people altogther. Table 33 displays the findings for the Golden Crescent SDA.

The Brazos Valley SDA. The population of Brazos Valley is predominantly Anglo. In 1980, Anglo young people, aged 16 to 24, constituted nearly four out of five of the total group. Blacks constituted 11 percent and Hispanics 9 percent. Among dropouts, Anglos constituted 49 percent, Blacks, 30 percent, and Hispanics 20 percent. As will be noted from Table 34, Black youth in Brazos Valley were as much as six times as likely as Anglos to have left school prior to completing twelfth grade and Hispanics, more than four times as likely. The dropout rate for foreign-born youth was 13 percent. These findings reflect the presence of many A&M University students among the Anglos in the age group studied.

The Concho Valley SDA. The Concho Valley SDA is another SDA with a majority Anglo population but a preponderance of Hispanics among the dropouts. In 1980, Anglos constituted 70 percent of the total age group studied but only 47 percent of the dropouts. In contrast, Hispanics constituted a quarter of total group but half of the dropouts. Blacks constituted 3 percent of the total group and 2 percent of the dropouts. There were fewer than 1,000 foreign-born youth in all. Table 35 shows the findings for Hispanics and Anglos in the Concho Valley SDA.

Table 33.--DROPOUT RATES AND PERCENTAGES OF DROPOUTS, AGED 16 TO 24, WITH FEWER THAN NINE YEARS OF SCHOOLING, BY AGE GROUP, SEX AND RACIAL/ETHNIC AFFILIATION: GOLDEN CRESCENT SERVICE DELIVERY AREA, 1980

	Dropout rates		Percentage of 16-24-year-old dropouts with <9 years of schooling
	Youth, 16-19	Youth, 20-24	
Males			
Hispanic	30.5	34.9	39.7
White, non-Hispanic	9.5	14.4	16.0
Females			
Hispanic	26.4	46.4	36.5
White, non-Hispanic	12.8	12.3	*

*Base number less than an estimated 1,000 persons.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Table 34.--DROPOUT RATES AND PERCENTAGES OF DROPOUTS, AGED 16 TO 24, WITH FEWER THAN NINE YEARS OF SCHOOLING, BY AGE GROUP, SEX AND RACIAL/ETHNIC AFFILIATION: BRAZOS VALLEY SERVICE DELIVERY AREA, 1980

	Dropout rates		Percentage of 16-24-year-old dropouts with <9 years of schooling
	Youth, 16-19	Youth, 20-24	
Males			
Hispanic	20.0	22.2	*
White, non-Hispanic	6.9	5.5	18.6
Black, non-Hispanic	28.0	33.8	20.8
Females			
White, non-Hispanic	6.2	6.7	22.0
Black, non-Hispanic	20.3	22.4	*

*Base number less than an estimated 1,000 persons.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Table 35.--DROPOUT RATES AND PERCENTAGES OF DROPOUTS, AGED 16 TO 24, WITH FEWER THAN NINE YEARS OF SCHOOLING, BY AGE GROUP, SEX AND RACIAL/ETHNIC AFFILIATION: CONCHO VALLEY SERVICE DELIVERY AREA, 1980

	Dropout rates		Percentage of 16-24-year-old dropouts with <9 years of schooling
	Youth, 16-19	Youth, 20-24	
	Males		
Hispanic	34.3	48.8	29.2
White, non-Hispanic	17.1	13.9	10.0
	Females		
Hispanic	35.9	40.9	46.0
White, non-Hispanic	13.6	10.6	16.7

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

The Texoma SDA. The Texoma SDA comprises three counties bordering upon Oklahoma. However, the findings displayed in table 36 are based upon data which also include data for Hunt County. Data for Hunt County constitute 31 percent of the data for the total age group and 30 percent of the data for the dropouts.

A large majority of the population of these counties is Anglo. In 1980, 85 percent of the young people, aged 16 to 24, were Anglos, 12 percent were Blacks and 2 percent were Hispanics. Among the dropouts, 81 percent were Anglos, 14 percent were Blacks and 3 percent were Hispanic. There were very few foreign-born youth in these counties in 1980.

SOURCE AND RELIABILITY OF THE DATA

The major purpose of this study was to obtain the numbers of dropouts, aged 16 to 24, and the dropout rates for the thirty-four service delivery areas in Texas established for the purposes of the Job Training Partnership Act program. Dropouts were defined as young people who were not enrolled in school and had not completed at least twelve years of schooling.

The source of the data for the study was the five percent Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS) of the 1980 Census. The data on school completion and other characteristics of dropouts were obtained on the sample form of the Census which was completed for 16.8 percent of people in Texas. The PUMS is, thus, a sample of a sample. The 1980 Census is the only source of data for geographic areas as small as counties and groups of counties, such as the SDAs, which provides comparable data. Other data may be more recent and may provide more complete information for specific areas but only the Census makes comparisons across geographic boundaries possible.

Table 36.--SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS OF WHITE NON-HISPANIC YOUTH, AGED 16 TO 24, AND WHITE NON-HISPANIC DROPOUTS, BY SEX AND AGE GROUP: TEXOMA SERVICE DELIVERY AREA, 1980

	Males	Females
Dropout rates		
Aged 16 to 19	17.5	15.4
Aged 20 to 24	17.2	16.0
Percentages with fewer than nine years of schooling	13.0	22.9
Civilian employment rates		
Total, aged 16 to 19	55.9	36.3
Dropouts	65.5	*
Total, aged 20 to 24	80.7	63.2
Dropouts	85.0	43.3
Labor force status of dropouts, aged 16 to 19		
Armed forces	-	*
Civilian employed	65.5	*
Civilian unemployed	9.1	*
Not in labor force	25.5	*
Labor force status of dropouts, aged 20 to 24		
Armed forces	1.7	-
Civilian employed	85.0	43.3
Civilian unemployed	6.7	3.3
Not in labor force	6.7	53.3

*Base number less than an estimated 1,000 persons.
-Less than 0.1 of a percent.

NOTE: Detail may not add to 100.0 percent because of rounding.

SOURCE: 1980 Census Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Thirteen of the thirty-four SDAs coincided with the Census geographic areas for which data could be produced directly from the PUMS. Data were allocated for the twenty-three SDAs which did not coincide. The estimates of the numbers of youth, aged 16 to 19, the numbers of 16-to-19-year-old civilian dropouts, and the numbers of youth, aged 20 to 24, which have been published by county (Census 1983) were used as controls. They provided the proportions of data for these groups for each county or city to be reassigned. The published data also provided the proportions of Hispanics and non-Hispanics, aged 20 to 24, for each county or city. These proportions were used to determine the base to which the different Hispanic and non-Hispanic dropout rates could be applied to estimate the numbers of 20-to-24-year-old dropouts in the counties or cities for which data were reassigned. Published data are available only for Fort Worth and Arlington in the Fort Worth Consortium SDA. Therefore, allocation for that SDA was only partial. Only data produced directly were used in the preparation of the tables displaying findings for the individual SDAs.

There was one exception to the allocation procedures described above. The PUMS provided combined data for the Upper Rio Grande and Permian Basin SDAs. It also provided separate data for El Paso County. The published data established that El Paso County accounted for 96 percent of the study population in the six counties which constitute the Upper Rio Grande SDA. The El Paso proportions and rates were, therefore, applied to data for the other five counties of the Upper Rio Grande SDA and the resulting totals were subtracted from the totals for the combined SDAs to produce the totals for the Permian Basin SDA.

The allocation procedures assume that the counties included in the Census geographic units are roughly homogeneous. This is probably not true of the three units which were split into the City of Houston and the Balance of Harris County SDAs, the City of Dallas and the Balance of Dallas County SDAs and the Cities of Fort Worth and Arlington and the Balance of Tarrant County SDA. The numbers and rates for the cities of Houston, Dallas and Fort Worth and Arlington are probably higher than those shown and the numbers and rates for the outlying areas lower.

All estimates from samples are subject to sampling error and they are more accurate for larger units than smaller ones. For example, the number of 1980 dropouts in Texas is between 488,100 and 506,200 (plus or minus two standard errors); in the Concho Valley SDA, it is between 3,700 and 5,500. The accuracy of percentages depends upon the size of the base number. The percentage of the 196,500 Hispanic male dropouts with fewer than nine years of schooling in the state is between 47.0 and 50.0 (plus or minus two standard errors). The percentage of the 2,300 Hispanic male dropouts with fewer than nine years of schooling in the Concho Valley SDA is between 16.8 and 41.6.

A problem which applies to the entire Census, as well as to the samples, is that of the extent to which groups of people, such as undocumented aliens, may have been missed in the count. The Census Bureau believes that at least 2,000,000 undocumented aliens were counted in the 1980 Census nationwide (Warren and Passel, 1983). However, there is no way to determine the extent to which others were not counted and there is no way to determine how many foreign-born dropouts were missed in the Census in Texas.

In this study, the foreign-born population was defined as it is defined by the Census Bureau, i.e., people who were born in foreign countries, irrespective of their citizenship status which is determined in a separate question. The foreign-born do not include people born abroad of American parents and they do not include people born in Puerto Rico or other outlying U.S. territories.

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